

History of the Texas Society

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Five
through
Two Thousand

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Dedication

To all the Daughters
who have served the Society, who are serving
now, and who will serve in the
future, this history is dedicated.



"There's rosemary, that's for remembrance . . .
and there is pansies, that's for thoughts."
William Shakespeare, Hamlet, IV, v. 181

May this history bring back fond memories for those who lived through these times
and may it inspire and enthuse the generations to come,
who are forging lifelong friends through their work in DAR.

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Foreword

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Texas State Regent 2003-2006

The Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution herein adds its history of the last years of the twentieth century from 1975 through 2000 to the history of the DAR in the state of Texas. A record of this service to God, Home, and Country has definite historical value and is of great importance to the preservation of complete Texas DAR archives. Viewing past TSDAR accomplishments can guide future achievement and can certainly spur Texas Daughters on to greater goals.

Deep appreciation goes to those appointed to produce this volume for their diligent and tireless work. My thanks to Nancy Reynolds Tiner, chairman of the committee, for coordinating the project, and to Martha Hartzog, vice-chairman, for her editorial and design expertise. Their contribution to the continuing history of Texas DAR can now be added to the annals that preceded it.

How fortunate members of DAR are to have such a remarkable organization through which to serve a cause greater than themselves—the aim of every true American patriot. This account of Texas endeavors for Patriotism, Education, and Historic Preservation can serve as a tribute to those intrepid visionary founders of DAR, who provided this means of service and a tie between members that truly binds.



National Motto of NSDAR
"God, Home and Country"

The Official Insignia was unanimously adopted by the Board of Management, May 26, 1891, and patented September 22, 1891. The golden wheel represents a spinning wheel, the platinum or white gold distaff represents flax, the blue rim and the distaff carry the colors of the society, and the stars represent the original thirteen colonies.

NSDAR Centennial Logo

National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

Presidents General, National Executive Officers from Texas, and Vice Presidents General from Texas for 1975-2000

Presidents General, NSDAR, 1975-2000

1974-1977 Mrs. Wakelee Rawson Smith
1977-1980 Mrs. George Upham Baylies
1980-1983 Mrs. Richard Denny Shelby
1983-1986 Mrs. Mrs. Walter Hughey King
1986-1989 Mrs. Raymond Franklin Fleck
1989-1992 Mrs. Eldred Martin Yochim
1992-1995 Mrs. Donald Shattuck Blair
1995-1998 Mrs. Charles Kiel Kemper
1998-2001 Mrs. Dale Kelly Love

National Executive Officers from Texas, 1975-2000

1974-1977 Mrs. Ford Hubbard, Organizing Secretary General
1989-1992 Mrs. Wayne Douglas Tiner, Recording Secretary General
1992-1995 Mrs. Billie Joe Lovett, Librarian General
1998-2001 Mrs. John Kenneth Harrell, Registrar General

Vice Presidents General from Texas, 1975-2000

1979-1982 Mrs. Georgia Bingle Edman
1985-1988 Mrs. Wayne Douglas Tiner
1988-1991 Mrs. Billie Joe Lovett
1991-1994 Mrs. Thomas J. Upchurch, Jr.
1994-1997 Mrs. John Kenneth Harrell
1997-2000 Mrs. William L. Stegall



Activities of the State Society

The TSDAR Centennial Park

In 1936, the Sarah McCalla Chapter of Cameron created a park to commemorate the Texas State Centennial. It was situated at the site of Old Nashville, principle town of Sterling C. Robertson's Colony. Over the years, the park became inaccessible. In 1991, the Texas Society moved two markers from the original park and dedicated a new marker at a new site to create a Centennial Park, commemorating the Centennial of the National Society.



The new Centennial Park Marker



The Centennial Park on Highway 79 near Gause

The TSDAR State Forest at Buna

In 1929, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. H. McFaddin of Beaumont made a gift of 100 acres of pine forest to the Texas Society, which then purchased another 50 acres to make a continuous tract of 150 acres. Periodic cutting of timber has yielded income to the Society. In 1995, during the State Regentship of Virginia Stegall, the DAR State Forest was rededicated.



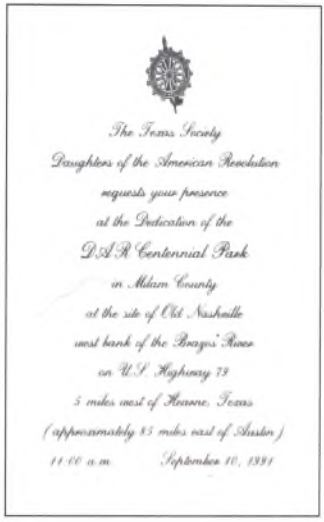
Rededication of the Texas State Forest by State Regent Virginia Stegall, October 31, 1995



1928 Gate to the Texas State Forest

Texas Society State History

1975-2000


The Texas Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
requests your presence
at the Dedication of the
D.A.R. Centennial Park
in Milam County
at the site of Old Nashville
west bank of the Brazos River
on U.S. Highway 79
5 miles west of Hearne, Texas
(approximately 85 miles east of Austin)
11:00 a.m. September 10, 1991

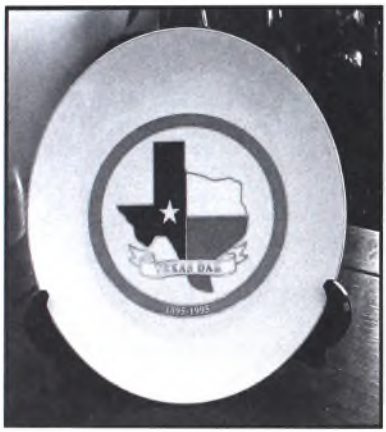
Invitation to Centennial Park Dedication, 1991

The TSDAR Centennial

In 1995, the TSDAR celebrated its Centennial with special events in Galveston, the site of the first chapter to organize in Texas—the George Washington Chapter.



State Regents Barbara Harrell, Virginia Stegall, Georgia Edman, and Nancy Tiner celebrate the Centennial of TSDAR in Galveston



TSDAR Centennial Plate designed by Kelly Poydence

Texas Cottage at Tamassee

State Regent Donna Raymond initiated major renovations of the Tamassee Cottage, now a welcoming retreat for guests.



Tamassee Cottage, set in a lovely pine and oak forest in the Blue Ridge Mountains of South Carolina.

Texas Armed Forces II Awards

State Regent Nancy Tiner created the Texas Armed Forces II Awards given to men and women at bases that train personnel.



Armed Forces Award with State Regent Virginia Stegall, Honorary State Regent Nancy Tiner, two awardees, and Susan McRae, State Chairman of Armed Forces Awards, at Sheppard Air Force Base

The Texas Room at Continental Hall

State Regent Jayne Brainard and others worked with the National Curator General to redesign the Texas Room in the style of an early Texas German cottage.



The Texas Room at Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D.C.

Texas Elks' Warm Springs Foundation

State Regent Judy Upchurch supported the Texas Elks' Warm Springs Foundation in Gonzales, Texas.



Main Building at Warm Springs Foundation

"I think that I shall never see, a poem as lovely as a tree"

"A tree that looks at God all day and lifts its leafy arms to pray."

. . . Joyce Kilmer



Tree planted at Texas A&M University by Nancy Reynolds Tiner in memory and honor of the Texans who have served in the defense of our country



Liberty Tree Plaque, placed by State Regent Margie Cockrell Lovett, at Washington-on-the-Brazos, September 17, 1987, in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution



Plaque placed at the base of the tree at Texas A&M



The Liberty Tree today.

Stephen F. Austin Oaks have been placed by TSDAR Chapters throughout Texas.

The East Texas Bus Tour

During Donna Raymond's Regency, a bus tour of Historic East Texas was organized for the Society. Sites visited included Conroe, Montgomery, Navasota, College Station, Gause, Waco, Ft. Parker, Kilgore, Jefferson, Nacogdoches, Milam, Crockett. This was a wonderful experience for everyone.















"A Great Time was had by all!"

The King's Highway — El Camino Real

In 1918, the Texas Society initiated an ambitious plan to place markers along the route of the King's Highway, the old Spanish Camino Real. In cooperation with the State of Texas, 128 such markers were placed every five miles. State Regent Virginia Stegall initiated a long-term project to locate and rededicate these markers. Many chapters participated in this project.



One of the original markers
This King's Highway/Camino Real Marker has been refurbished and the incised writing painted black for better visibility. It is found on the Old Spanish Trail (OST) between Hwy. 6 and Normangee.

Spanish Cattle Drives Fed Colonial Troops

Nancy Tiner authored a brochure on Bernardo Galvez' role driving Texas Longhorns to Louisiana to feed his troops during the American Revolution.



In 1999, this marker was placed to commemorate the cattle drives originating from La Bahia. The TSCAR planted a Stephen F. Austin Oak in honor of the cattle drives.

Texas First Ladies Historic Costume Collection

The exhibit was created and presented in 1940 to Texas Woman's University by the Texas Daughters of the American Revolution. The exhibit includes gowns of first ladies of the Republic of Texas, the State of Texas and the United States.



Laura Bush's Inagural Gown, 1995
Courtesy of Texas Woman's University Texas First Ladies Historic Costume Collection

The Texas Sesquicentennial

Throughout the state in 1986, Texas Daughters joined in celebrating the 150th anniversary of Texas' statehood. The Texas Society held its State Conference in Austin, the State Capitol.



Texas Sesquicentennial Logo

Texas Society State History

1975-2000

by Nancy Reynolds Tiner

State Regent (1983-1985), Honorary State Regent

This book will cover the history of the Texas Society from 1975 through 2000. The last published history was in 1975, so this book will cover the past 25 years, bringing us into the 21st century.

During this 25-year period, the Texas Society peaked with a membership exceeding 17,000. It has been the largest State Society in the National Society for many years. Texas has furnished National leadership with six Vice Presidents General, four Executive Officers, and national chairmen too numerous to mention.

The information on the Freeman Plantation, which covers 1975-1987, will be found at the end of this section.

The Texas Society State Regents each have a page in this book where you will find a description of their individual state regent's projects. In addition to these regents' projects, the State Society had additional special projects. In 1982, the Texas Room in Memorial Continental Hall in Washington, D. C., was renovated to portray an early Texas German cottage. Two Texas DAR ladies, Louise Jones and Miriam Jordan, contributed their time to do stenciling and the Texas Society and individual members provided authentic period furnishings.

At the 1984 State Conference, Mrs. Robert Mangum and Mrs. Gordon Mayer presented a motion to recognize DAR members who had or were presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. The motion was adopted and certificates were prepared for presentation to the eligible members.

The State Regent requested the National Society to approve a pin for these military members, but the request was denied. However, when the President General, Mrs. W. H. King, visited the Texas State Conference in 1985, Mrs. Mangum made a plea to Mrs. King to reconsider the request. Shortly afterward, the National Board of Management approved a certificate and a pin for members in the entire National Society. These ladies were recognized at Continental Congress and received their certificates on the stage of Constitution Hall.

In 1987, the State Conference approved three new scholarships: $10,000 Forestry Scholarship at Stephen F. Austin University; $5,000 at Howard Payne University; $5,000 at Texas Woman's University (TWU). In 1988, $10,000 was used to establish the Marion Day Mullins Endowment Fund at TWU, to be used for the DAR Museum, which houses the collection of dresses of the First Ladies of Texas.

In 1989, $15,000 was given to the Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation, and $5,000 was added to the DAR Museum at TWU in 1990.

The Texas Society did itself proud in commemorating the NSDAR Centennial: reprinting the 1929 History Book; presentation of a beautiful Rose Garden to the NSDAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C., a gift from Janet and Larry Burks; and scholarships totaling $61,000 to Stephen F. Austin University, Sul Ross, Sam Houston State University, Texas Tech University, and Texas A&I University.

In 1991, a Centennial Park was created on the west bank of the Brazos River on Highway 79 near Gause. It was a facsimile of a park the Sarah McCalla Chapter of Cameron had created in 1936 to commemorate the Texas State Centennial. The original park was situated at the site of Old Nashville, principle town of Sterling C. Robertson's colony. The highway was moved, the park became inaccessible, and a part of history was lost. Two markers from the original park were moved to the new park site and a new marker was dedicated.

In 1992, the Texas Armed Services Awards were expanded to include Brooks AFB, and Berry College was given an Endowed Scholarship of $10,000. In 1995, in celebration of the Centennial of the Texas Society, a scholarship of $10,000 was established at Hindman Settlement School for dyslexic children; $15,000 was sent to NSDAR for 10 chairs in Constitution Hall; and $1,500 was used to buy display cases for artifacts from the the three Spanish Missions in Milam County at the Milam County Museum.

In commemoration of the Texas Society Centennial, a contest was held for the design of a pin to be worn on the official ribbon. The design was voted on by the delegates of the 1993 state conference. The first-place winner was Pat Ashford, and second-place winner was Kelly Poydence. The first-place design was used for the official pin, with the second-place design used for a commemorative plate and an unofficial souvenir-type pin.

A special Texas Society Centennial Celebration was held in Galveston in 1995, because the George Washington Chapter there was the first chapter to organize in Texas. Claudia Cannon was Chairman. The history of the Society was presented by the Honorary State Regents. Three new scholarships were awarded: $10,000 at Tamassee DAR School; $10,000 at Crossnore School; and $10,000 at Hillside School.

In 1999, the State dues were raised to $4.00, and the renovation of the Texas Cottage at Tamassee DAR School was begun with a contract of $21,648.22 for Phase I. The Cottage had been a project of Mrs. Felix Irwin, State Regent in 1957. The cottage houses guests on the campus.

In 2000, approximately $83,000 was given for scholarships, making a total of $302,000 for the 25-year period.

Chapter contributions for the 25 years totaled $1,354,769.78, and a total of 1,517 books were given to the NSDAR Library. Chapter projects are too numerous to mention individually, but can be found in the Chapter History section of this book.

The Texas Society can be proud of its service to God, Home, and Country due to the outstanding leadership and efforts of the chapter members who are the heart and soul of the DAR.

A Word About the Freeman Plantation

During the term of Mrs. Ford Hubbard, State Regent 1970-1973, Freeman Plantation, an antebellum home with antique furnishings in Jefferson, Texas, was purchased by the Texas Society. A governing board was created with Mrs. Hubbard named as permanent lifetime chairman, with the sole authority to nominate board members who would be elected by the membership. The governing board was to control the monies from the Texas Society dues allocated to the Freeman Plantation Fund, with the Texas Society State Officers having no control over the Fund.

This arrangement caused concern among some of the members and many hard feelings developed, which climaxed at the 1975 State Conference, when the delegates voted to sell the house. The house was sold to a Jefferson family, Virginia DeWare, a former State Officer, and two of her children, Diane DeWare and J. M. DeWare IV. Three appraisals had been made of the house and furnishings, and the DeWare family paid the highest appraisal.

A lawsuit by Mrs. Hubbard, the governing board, and some individuals was then filed against the Texas Society, some individual officers, and the DeWare family. A judge in Jefferson, Marion County, Texas, rendered a summary judgment in favor of the defendants, which was then appealed, beginning ten years of litigation.

In 1976 and 1977, the State Conference ratified the sale of the house, and in 1977, also passed a resolution to indemnify the State Executive Board and to ask the plaintiffs to drop their suit. In 1978, the State Conference passed a resolution for both sides to drop the suits, with the assistance of the attorney for the National Society, DAR. In 1981, the Texas Society Executive Board voted to authorize a counter-claim, and in the jury trial in Marion County, the Texas Society won on all 63 counts. The plaintiffs won none.

In 1982, the State Conference voted to indemnify certain State officers and past State officers who had incurred expenses because of being defendants in the lawsuit.

In 1983, the plaintiffs appealed the verdict of the 1981 jury trial, and in 1984, the Texas Supreme Court found no reversible error and refused a motion for a rehearing. The case was finally over on July 11, 1984, with the Texas Society, its officers, and former officers completely exonerated. The TSDAR amended counterclaim was activated, and a settlement process was begun.

In 1985, the State Conference voted to reimburse the former State officers (who had been sued) 75% of their legal expenses, with the additional 25% to be paid when funds became available. After ten years, the suit was finally over after causing many hard feelings and stress for numerous members.

In spite of the lawsuit, the Texas Daughters continued to do the good work of the DAR, winning many national honors. It is regrettable that monies spent on legal fees could not have gone to the many worthy DAR projects.



Texas, Our Texas

Texas, Our Texas! all hail the mighty State!
Texas, Our Texas! so wonderful so great!
Boldest and grandest, withstanding ev'ry test
O Empire wide and glorious, you stand supremely blest.
(chorus)

Texas, O Texas! your freeborn single star,
Sends out its radiance to nations near and far,
Emblem of Freedom! it set our hearts aglow;
With thoughts of San Jacinto and glorious Alamo.
(chorus)

Texas, dear Texas! from tyrant grip now free,
Shines forth in splendor, your star of destiny!
Mother of heroes, we come your children true,
Proclaiming our allegiance, our faith, our love for you.
(chorus)

God bless you Texas! And keep you brave and strong,
That you may grow in power and worth, throughout
the ages long.
God bless you Texas! And keep you brave and strong,
That you may grow in power and worth, throughout
the ages long.

Texas Society State Regents

1976 -2000



Official Pin, designed by Pat Ashford

State Motto —

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Proverbs 29:18



Georgia Bingle Edman

Texas State Regent 1976-1979
Honorary State Regent
Vice President General, NSDAR 1979-1982
Houston

State Regent Project & Other Notable Accomplishments

Commemorated the Bicentennial by publishing volumes three and four of the *Texas Daughters Revolutionary Ancestors*; published the State Directory after an absence of five years; a new piano was given to both Tamassee and Kate Duncan Smith DAR Schools; a new roof was placed on the Texas Friendship Cottage at Tamassee; and a new DAR Banner was donated to the Texas Society.

Georgia Bingle Edman
Texas State Regent 1976-1979

Mrs. Georgia Bingle Edman, considered to be the "Grande Dame" and the "Dowager Queen" of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution, served as State Regent during the years 1976-1979. Born October 24, 1918, she was admitted to DAR October 25, 1939. Her soft, calm, sweet spirit touched many lives as she was loved and respected by all.

Demonstrating her leadership abilities, Mrs. Edman held various offices in the Lady Washington Chapter, Houston, including that of Regent (1960-1962), Recording Secretary, and Historian. She was elected State Regent at the 77th state conference in March, 1976, previously serving as State Corresponding Secretary and State Treasurer. She gave many years of dedicated service to the State and National Societies, continuing her service as Honorary State Regent and Vice President General, NSDAR from Texas, 1979-1982.

During her administration, the Texas DAR Motto was Proverbs 29:18: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Her State Project was the commemoration of the Bicentennial of the United States of America by publishing volumes three and four of the *Texas Daughters Revolutionary Ancestors*. Chapters were divided into eight Divisions, and four Division meetings were held each year. State conferences were held in San Antonio, Dallas, and El Paso.

Membership was a major focus during her administration and great success was realized as the state added eleven new chapters for a total of 14,106 members, over 750 of whom were Junior members. Considering it her "duty and great privilege," she personally visited 95 chapters throughout the Great State of Texas. Her warm and friendly personality encouraged members to become involved in all aspects of the State and National Societies. Texas was number one nationally in membership, Junior membership and C.A.R. membership.

Several major projects were undertaken and completed during Mrs. Edman's term: (1) The State Directory was published after an absence of five years; (2) A new piano was given to both Tamassee and Kate Duncan Smith DAR Schools; (3) A new roof was placed on the Texas Friendship Cottage at Tamassee; and (4) A new DAR Banner was donated to the Texas Society.

Texas awarded 35 Medal of Honor Awards (more than any other state). General Omar Bradley was one of the recipients. Two Texas Breakfasts and one Texas Tea were held during Continental Congress. The State Society and Texas chapters granted $42,194.48 in loans and $47,711.63 in scholarships to deserving students.

A second-generation DAR and a native Texan, Mrs. Edman joined the DAR as a Junior member. Junior Membership remained a priority with Mrs. Edman throughout her life, as she encouraged Junior member participation within her own chapter as well as the State Society. The Texas Page pin was authorized during her administration. During the State Regent's reports at Continental Congress, Donna Miller Raymond, Barbara Tucker Harrell, and Claire Edman Hall held the Texas Flag. Mrs. Edman had two sons and two daughters, both of whom were Junior members of Lady Washington Chapter.

Mrs. Edman was a member of the Jefferson Davis Chapter #1637, United Daughters of the Confederacy; the Daughters of 1812; the Colonial Dames of America; and St. John the Divine Episcopal Church. Mrs. Edman had a softness and gentleness combined with a tremendous inner strength and faith that sustained her through adversity. She passed from this life on May 8, 1998. She was the epitome of a great southern lady, a steel magnolia, who gently touched many lives as a mentor and friend.

Georgia left her Memorial Service plans with the minister at St. John the Divine, stating she wanted a joyous celebration and requested those present sing "with gusto." One of the hymns she chose was "Onward, Christian Soldiers," a favorite of hers.

Nancy Tiner gave one of the eulogies and closed with this poem:

"God Saw You"

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered "Come to Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you pass away,
And though we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Hands were put to rest.
God broke our heart to prove to us
He only takes the best.



Georgia Edman and Lynn Davis with TSDAR Pressbook



Jayne Dawson Brainard
Texas State Regent 1980-1982
Honorary State Regent
Amarillo

State Regent Projects & Other Notable Accomplishments
Established the "Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise" located at Texas A&M University; established a scholarship in the name of her mother, Evelyn McLean Dawson; refurbished the Texas Room in Memorial Continental Hall.

Mrs. Ernest S. Brainard

Texas State Regent 1980-1982

The Texas Society Motto "Where there is no vision, the people perish," aptly applies to Mrs. Brainard's years of dedicated service to the DAR. A third-generation DAR member, Mrs. Brainard's illustrious career included many chairmanships and offices. She was the regent of the Esther McCrory Chapter, Amarillo, Texas, a current member of Los Ciboleros Chapter, Hereford, Texas, and an associate member of Arredondo Chapter, Amarillo, Texas.

State offices and chairmanships were: State Chairman of American Heritage (1963-1967); State Chariman for 1975 and 1978 State Conferences; State Chairman State Regents Project (1973-1976)–Mrs. Brainard produced four volumes for Mrs. F. Hasting Pannill, State Regent, entitled *Texas Society Daughters Revolutionary Ancestors*— a compilation of the TSDAR's membership lineages up to 1976; State Historian (1967-1970); State Recording Secretary (1970-1975)— edited and published the TSDAR Cookbook; State Vice Regent (1976-1979); State Regent (1980-1982); State Parliamentarian (1982-1985); State Bylaw Chairman.

Mrs. Brainard was recognized nationally and served in the following areas: President of the NSDAR Vice Regent's Club; National Society Chairman State Regents Dinners, 1980-81; National Society Vice Chairman Motion Pictures; Member of the Committee of 81–Victory at Yorktown NSDAR; Life Member of DAR Museum; Member of National Chairman's Committee; Member of the NSDAR Speakers Staff; Member of National Officers Club; NSDAR Page–four years; NSDAR Marshall Committee–five years.

During Mrs. Brainard's first year in office, several milestones were achieved. During her first year, Junior membership grew. Many of these young women held chapter offices and state chairmanships. During her years in office, Juniors counted for one-third of the total membership, with Texas having the largest state membership. This was a fine reflection on the TSDAR Texas Motto. In addition, sixteen new chapters were organized, adding to this notable number.

In an effort to help both the environment and the TSDAR economy, efforts were made during her office to reduce redundant paperwork and associated costs. A standard chapter regent's report form was developed and used and the State Bulletin's cost was reduced with prudent use of photos.

Her strong interest in National Defense inspired her State Regent's project "Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise" located at Texas A&M University. The Center receives no state or federal funding, but is financed solely by individual donations. It educates Texas teachers in the free enterprise system to teach in the Texas classrooms. This project supplied the Institute with much needed video equipment. In 1981, Mrs. Brainard presented the Center with over $11,000. It is noted that during this period, Mrs. Brainard's mother died after a lengthy illness. She established a scholarship in her name, Evelyn McLean Dawson, at the Center. Through generous contributions from the Texas Daughters, it was funded.

The Texas Society was offered a rare opportunity to refurbish the Texas Room in Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D.C. In 1979, it was damaged by a snowstorm. Mrs. Brainard and a group of experts and interested members met with Jean Frederico, National Curator General of the National DAR Museum to discuss renovations. The room was rebuilt and decorated in early Texas furnishings, depicting the true frontier spirit of the TSDAR ancestors. This project was a true joy for Mrs. Brainard and one she enthusiastically sponsored. A special State Regent's project was the sale of TSDAR tote bags. Profits purchased an antique Texas table for the Texas room.

Another milestone achieved— the end to the six-year litigation regarding the sale of the infamous Freeman Plantation. Another State Regent purchased the property as a "State DAR house" for the membership's use. The general membership voted to sell the house and a lawsuit ensued. Litigation favored the TSDAR on the judgment and subsequent appeal.

During her term, Mrs. Brainard visited 136 of the then 166 chapters, presented Texas greetings to other state conferences, attended Continental Congress, and celebrated the 250th birthday of George Washington in his birthplace, Wakefield. She was presented the Sons of the American Revolution Medal of Appreciation in 1975 and the Martha Washington Award in 1982.

Jayne Brainard's contributions to her community, state and nation do not end with DAR. She was certified in 1978 as a Professional Registered Parliamentarian. Her knowledge has been put to use in being recognized as a Professional Presider, Bylaw Consultant for corporations, organizations and conventions, conducting seminars, workshops and teaching new parliamentary students. She has been published on parliamentary procedure. She has served as State President and Parliamentarian for the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians.

Mrs. Brainard has held a variety of offices in Parliamentary organizations— National Parliamentarian for the National Federation of Republican Women (three terms), served as the National Federation convention parliamentarian in 2001, State Parliamentarian for the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) (three terms) and Parliamentarian for the Potter County Republican Party.

Jayne Brainard served five terms as President of Amarillo Republican Women, four-time Permanent Chairman for the Potter County Republican Convention and served five times as a delegate to the State Republican Party Convention. In 2001, she was named one of the ten outstanding women of the TFRW. She is a board trustee of the TFRW Educational Foundation.

In her hometown of Amarillo, Mrs. Brainard has served as the president for the Amarillo Opera, BRAVO!; a trustee of the Amarillo Opera Board of Trustees; was awarded (2001) the "Bill and Louise Dee Volunteer of the Year Award"; a founder, Secretary and Parliamentarian of the Texas Women Education Foundation, Inc.; Board Member (and past president) of the Amarillo Little Theater; Mentor at Harrington House — an historic Amarillo Home of renowned philanthropist, Sybil Harrington; Board member of the Texas Aviation Historical Society (2004-2005); member of the Amarillo Art Force; 2002 recipient of the Amarillo Women's Forum award— "Outstanding Women's Distinguished Service Award. She is a past President of Lone Star Ballet, Amarillo Camp Fire Girls, and the St. Anthony's Hospital Auxiliary (two terms). Since 1960, Mrs. Brainard has been listed in *Who's Who of the South and Southwest*, of *Who's Who America*, *Who's Who of Women*, and *Who's Who of the World*.

Mrs. Brainard holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Oklahoma City University where she met her husband Ernest Scott (d. 1997). They had one daughter, Sydney. Their son, Bill, died 2004.



Carol McCall Woodfin
Texas State Regent 1982-1983
Waco

State Regent Projects & Other Notable Accomplishments
New Slide Program on Texas Room developed; computerized the membership list.

Dr. Carol McCall Woodfin

Texas State Regent 1982-1983

Dr. Woodfin began her patriotic service in DAR when she joined Corpus Christi Chapter in 1959. She transferred to Henry Downs Chapter in Waco in 1960 after her husband's assignment to Waco by the State Health Department.

After serving as National Defense Chairman for her first two years in Henry Downs Chapter, Carol was elected Chapter Regent 1962-1964. She served again as Chapter Regent 1974-1976, following the sudden death of the newly-elected regent (with special permission from the State and National societies because she was also holding State office at that time). Following this second service to her chapter, Carol was named Honorary Chapter Regent. During this time the Henry Downs Chapter contributed to the city of Waco's preparation for the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976. In 1901, the Chapter had helped found Indian Spring Park as the "Camping Ground of the Huaco Indians and the First Crossing of the Brazos River." In 1917, Henry Downs Chapter placed a Llano granite marker on the site, and in 1973 asked Carol Woodfin to chair the chapter's Bicentennial Committee to work with the City of Waco in developing Indian Spring Park and the Suspension Bridge as historic sites on Lake Brazos.

Under the leadership of State Regent Mrs. Walter G. Dick, 1964-1967, Dr. Woodfin served as State Registrar, working to update and modernize the growing membership roll of the Texas Society. From 1976-1979, she was State Chaplain during State Regent Georgia Edman's administration and was sometimes teased about "praying off the top of her head"—meaning she required no notes to offer appropriate petitions when called upon to do so.

The 1979-1982 administration of State Regent Mrs. Ernest Brainard placed Dr. Woodfin in the office of State Vice Regent to perform the duties requisite to that position. She was elected State Regent for the term 1982-1985, and served one year in that position, with responsibilities to the State and National Societies fulfilled, and the agenda for her three-year term of office completed.

During 1982-1983, Dr. Woodfin asked the Texas chapters to concentrate their efforts on strengthening and rejuvenating the existing chapters, and to focus on principles and projects for the Society. Because the new slide program on the DAR Museum included only two slides of our Texas Room, the State Board voted to develop its own slide program with taped narration to use in Texas chapter programs and to submit a copy of same to the National Program Office.

The Texas Division Chairmen were assigned the responsibility of receiving address and membership changes from all chapters in their division and forwarding them to the State Bulletin Chairman. Chapter Chairmen were also asked to assume responsibility for publicity in each chapter with news to be forwarded to the State Chairman of Public Relations. Arrangements were made to move the printing and mailing of the two Texas Bulletins each year from Abilene to Central Texas in order to facilitate the process and to reduce expenses.

The State Regent chose as her major project changing the existing ten-year-old computer disks to a new computer mailing list with members' addresses, national numbers, ancestors, chapter names, and other pertinent data. This computer update could be used to prepare a new State Directory list of Chapter Regents and mailing labels. Business arrangements needed to be developed with bidding. Dr. Woodfin recommended that we stop operating the Texas Society from our dining room tables and go into a more business-like operation. A metal filing cabinet should be provided to the State Regent, with increased allowance for State Regent expenses (this was previously recommended by Mrs. Ford Hubbard during her term of office); and the possibility of appointing an assistant treasurer to handle the increasing Texas DAR membership should be considered.

In the first year of this administration, Dr. Woodfin held five joint workshop meetings across Texas, replacing the historic Division Tours which required ten days of travel, then recommended that the annual workshops be held in North-South Texas during one year, and alternate with East-West Texas workshops the next year. And now, from the glory, honor, and personal riches gained with the privilege of serving in this office, come these last few notes: In 1982 the Curator General directed that each State Regent would select a woman of distinction from her state from any period of history, secure a garment typical of that chosen woman's era, and present it to the National DAR Museum for a Traveling State Show. Mrs, Lyndon B, Johnson, "Lady Bird," was chosen in Texas as the most outstanding woman. She selected a Molly Parnis original ballgown of white cotton lace over beige silk liner as her costume for the DAR style show. The State Curator, Mrs. R. B.Oder of Gladewater copied and reproduced the gown loaned by Mrs. Johnson, and the Gladewater DAR Chapter held a beautiful tea in honor of Mrs. Oder and the Texas Society. Carol Woodfin, as State Regent, had the honor of wearing this gown at the tea before it set off for Washington, D. C. and modeling across the United States!

Carol McCall Woodfin was born in Temple, Texas; she received bachelors and masters degrees from Baylor University, then began a 30-year teaching career in the Biological Sciences at Baylor, McLennan Community College, Texas State Technical College, and the University of Texas. She is a life member of the American Association of University Women, YWCA, and the National Society of New England Women. She also holds memberships in Sigma Xi, The Native Plant Society, The Nature Conservancy, and other related organizations. She is a member of the Baptist Church, and has worked with Intermediate Youth and also taught women's Bible classes.

Dr. Woodfin is the first member of her family to prove an ancestral line for DAR membership. Because her mother had accumulated reams of genealogical information on both the maternal and paternal lines of the family, Carol suggested that she write a book and join DAR so she could sell it; her mother said she did not have time to do both, so Carol joined the National Society and found that Thomas Holland and Valley Forge were the introduction to some of her busiest and most rewarding years. The descendents of the Holland-Jackson lineage maintain a scholarship at Baylor University, have joined DAR and SRT members to mark ancestral graves at the Old Dublin Cemetery and Old Fort Gates, and hold their annual family reunion in Lampasas, this being the 78th year.

Carol's son lives in College Station, Texas, and her daughter lives in Bellingham, Washington. Carol resides at 2120 On the Beach in Port Aransas, Texas, working with the property manager for her Beach House Rentals in the sand dunes.



Nancy Reynolds Tiner

Texas State Regent 1983-1985
Honorary State Regent
Vice President General, NSDAR 1985-1988
Recording Secretary General, NSDAR 1989-1992
College Station

State Regent Projects & Other Notable Accomplishments

Planted a tree in each of the eight Texas DAR Divisions with a plaque stating, "In memory and honor of the Texans who have served in the defense of our country"; authored a brochure on Bernardo de Galvez that was distributed to Texas schools; served as National Chairman of the DAR Magazine, 1992-1995.

Mrs. Wayne Douglas Tiner

Texas State Regent 1983-1985

Nancy Reynolds Tiner began her DAR service in 1951 when she joined Alamo Chapter in San Antonio as a Junior member. She was encouraged to join by her mother, Mrs. E. B. Reynolds. Nancy attended Sullins College in Bristol, Virginia, and in 1950 married Wayne Douglas Tiner of San Antonio. Her first office in Alamo Chapter was Treasurer and her last was Chapter Regent. The family moved to Conroe and Nancy became a member of the Margaret Montgomery Chapter, where she served as Chapter Regent. From Conroe the family moved to College Station and Nancy transferred to La Villita Chapter and served two terms as Chapter Regent.

Nancy began her service to the Texas Society as State Chairman of Public Relations, and subsequently served as State Recording Secretary, Vice Regent, and in 1983, became State Regent due to the resignation of the State Regent, Dr. Carol Woodfin. Nancy's State Regent's Project was the planting of a tree in each of the eight Texas DAR Divisions with a plaque stating, "In memory and honor of the Texans who have served in the defense of our country." The locations of the trees are: Veterans Hospital, Amarillo; Birthplace of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Sherman; Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, Waco; Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets Quadrangle, College Station; San Jacinto Battle-ground, La Porte; Choke Canyon Dam, George West; San Antonio Municipal Auditorium, San Antonio; Veterans Hospital, Big Spring. A second project was the creation of the Texas Armed Services II Awards. Awards were given to men and women at bases that train personnel. The bases were: Ft. Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base, Reese Air Force Base, Sheppard Air Force Base, Fort Hood, and Fort Bliss. The Texas Society had an outstanding record during Nancy's administration, with an increase in membership of 865. Texas won first place at National for the most new Junior Members.

It was during her term that the Texas Supreme Court denied a motion for a rehearing concerning the Freeman Plantation lawsuit, thus completely exonerating the Texas Society and the individuals that had been sued. This ended the lawsuit that had been in the courts since 1975. (See Texas Society History for details.) The 1985 State Conference voted to reimburse State Officers who had been forced to defend themselves at their own personal expense.

Nancy was elected Vice President General for 1985-1988. She authored a brochure on Bernardo de Galvez, which detailed his service to the Colonies during the American Revolution. His service included cattle drives of Texas Longhorns to Louisiana to feed his troops after Spain declared war on England. Printing 100,000 brochures was funded jointly by the Patriot's Fund of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. DAR chapters distributed them to the schools. This project was a result of Mr. Robert Thonhoff's book, *The Texas Connection with The American Revolution*, which detailed the story of the cattle drive. In 1985, he was awarded the NSDAR History Medal. As a result of this effort, the NSDAR extended membership to ladies who could prove they were descended from the cattle drovers.

In 1989, Nancy was elected Recording Secretary General in the Centennial Administration of Mrs. Eldred M. Yochim, President General. She instigated changes in her office which resulted in decreased expenses and the placing of the ancestor's state on the membership certificates. Special centennial certificates were designed for members joining during the Centennial year 1990. Pictures of the National Executive Officers were printed in the National Proceedings, with a special cover designed for the Centennial.

In 1992, President General, Mrs. Donald Blair, appointed Nancy as National Chairman of the DAR Magazine, an assignment she greatly enjoyed, working with the Editor, Mary Rose Hall. When Nancy's term expired in 1995, there was approximately $1,000,000 in the Magazine Endowment Fund. Nancy was charged with placing numbers on the offices in the NSDAR Administration Building. The Texas Society placed directory boards on each floor in Nancy's honor to help members find the various offices.

In 1995, Nancy ran for President General but did not win. This did not dampen her enthusiasm for DAR work, and upon returning home she served two terms as Chapter Regent.

Her belief in the good works of the DAR is a strong force in her life as she continues to serve.

She coordinated a historic bus tour of east Texas for State Regent Donna Raymond. Nancy prepared the history of the areas being visited and arranged for speakers and special events. The tour included Conroe, College Station, Waco, Jefferson, and Nacogdoches. The DAR Centennial Park at Old Nashville was rededicated, as well as the first marker of the El Camino Real on the Texas–Louisiana state line. The Texas Society had marked the entire Camino Real in 1918 with markers every 5 miles from the Sabine River to the Rio Grande.

Nancy was active in the Children of the American Revolution with her children and grandchildren. She has served as Senior State Chaplain, Senior President of the Brazos de Dios Society, and State Chairman of Bylaws. She served as Chairman of the State Conference in College Station and several terms as State Co-Chairman of Credentials. She has been serving C.A.R. continuously for the past 14 years, and she proudly wears the C.A.R. Endowment Pin. Nancy is guided by a firm belief in instilling patriotism at an early age.

Awards Nancy has received include: the SAR Medal of Appreciation, SAR Martha Washington Medal, National Society History Award, Commendation from the Department of the Army, Honorary Dama de Galvez, and Hidalgo de San Antonio de Bexar. Because of her efforts for Galvez, she was invited to meet the King and Queen of Spain and to assist the President General, Georgeann Love, in unveiling a DAR plaque at his tomb in Mexico City which was placed by the Mexico State Society.

Nancy's lifelong philosophy has been "You need to have the same rules for everybody or there is no point in having any rules for anybody." Her belief in the good works of the DAR is a strong force in her life as she continues to serve.



Margie Cockrell Lovett
State Regent 1985-1988
Honorary State Regent
Vice President General, NSDAR 1989-1992
Librarian General, NSDAR 1992-1995
Tomball

State Regent Project & Other Notable Accomplishments
Purchased computers for the State Treasurer and the State Registrar; established a $10,000 fund at Texas Woman's University for the Museum of First Ladies Inaugural Gowns.

Mrs. Billie Joe Lovett

Texas State Regent 1985-1988

Margie Cockrell Lovett received the State Regent's sash April 19, 1985. Twenty-six years in public education were completed May 30, 1985, when she retired. Born in Houston, Texas, Mrs. Lovett received her B.A. degree from the University of Corpus Christi and an M.L.S. degree from Sam Houston State University. She married in 1950, and is the proud mother of a son and a daughter and grandmother of three grandchildren. Her husband, Billie Joe Lovett, is deceased.

Mrs. Lovett became a member of DAR as an organizing member of the James Tull Chapter in Humble. In September, 1972, she was named Organizing Regent of a chapter in Tomball, which officially became the San Jacinto Chapter in December of that year.

After serving as Chapter Regent, Mrs. Lovett was elected TSDAR Librarian in 1979. She served as the Texas Society Recording Secretary in 1982, producing the Annual Reports for 1982-1985. Mrs. Lovett was active in the C.A.R., serving as Organizing President of the Atascosito Trail Society, as well as its Senior Registrar. She served as Senior Chairman and Senior State President of the T.S.C.A.R.

Mrs. Lovett served as TSDAR State Regent 1985-1988. She served NSDAR as Vice President General, 1989-1992; during that time, she was President of the Vice Presidents General Club. She also served TSDAR as Librarian General, 1992-1995 and was State Parliamentarian, 2002-2004.

Be proud you are a DAR;
be especially proud you are a Texas DAR.

As State Regent, Mrs. Lovett chose the motto: "Texas Means Friendship." She began the practice of singing "Texas, Our Texas," the state song. Fall workshops with officers and chairmen giving instructions for the year's work were held across the state.

Following the custom of Past State Regent, Mrs. Nancy Tiner, Mrs. Lovett had a theme for each State Conference. In 1986, the Texas Sesquicentennial was celebrated with members wearing outfits representing any period of Texas History. The State Regent wore a replica of the ball gown worn by Mrs. David Burnet at the San Jacinto Ball of 1837 in Houston. Her husband, David Burnet, was the first President of the Republic of Texas. TSDAR was designated a Texas Independence Association by the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission. At a gala banquet at the State Conference, held in Austin, ladies were encouraged to attend in period costumes from the 1840s. Some members came in their ancestress' clothes.

In 1987, the theme was "Texas Blue Jeans," as the State Society entertained the President General, Mrs. Raymond Fleck, in Houston. The next year in Dallas, "School Days" were celebrated, with members wearing skirts, sweaters, and loafers.

Several events celebrating the impact of Bernardo de Galvez were attended: A marker dedication in Natchez, Mississippi; dedication of a plaque at the Galvez Hotel, Galveston; and the publishing of brochures about Galvez with the Texas State Sons of the American Revolution (TSSAR).

Texas Society articles in storage in Longview were sold at an auction. The State Regent and Vice President General, Nancy Tiner, marched with NSDAR members in the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution parade in Philadelphia. The march was five miles long! A "Liberty Tree" was planted at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park.

The State Regent's project was the purchase of computers for the State Treasurer and the State Registrar and the establishment of a $10,000 fund at Texas Woman's University for the TSDAR Museum of First Ladies Inaugural Gowns.

The sale of timber from the TSDAR Forest in East Texas provided $10,000, which was used to establish a TSDAR scholarship at the School of Forestry at Stephen F. Austin University.

In her professional life, Mrs. Lovett was a teacher, librarian, resource specialist, and director of a media center. She retired May, 1985, after 26 years in public eduction. Mrs. Lovett is Past President of the Iota Epsilon Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma; Harris County Teachers Association; and Tomball Educators Association. She was Chairman of the Tomball Jubilee Commission, and she served as State Chairman of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Texas Association of School Libraries. She is a Life Member of the Texas Library Association and the Texas State Teachers Association. She is listed in *Who's Who Among American Women, Outstanding Women of the Southwest*, and *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

During the period that Mrs. Lovett was State Regent, each TSDAR meeting closed with the State Regent's reminder: "Be proud you are a DAR; be especially proud you are a Texas DAR."



Margie Lovett in a replica of the ball gown worn by Mrs. David Burnet at the San Jacinto Ball of 1837 in Houston.



Judith Hanner Upchurch

Texas State Regent 1988-1991
Honorary State Regent
Vice President General 1991-1994
Amarillo

State Regent Projects & Other Notable Accomplishments

Established an endowment fund for rehabilitation therapy for needy children at Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation, Gonzales; additions were made to TSDAR endowed scholarships; the first Texas Society Directory since 1978 was printed, and the 1929 TSDAR History reprinted; a rose garden with commemorative plaque was presented to NSDAR.

Mrs. Thomas Jewel Upchurch, Jr.

State Regent 1988-1991

The State Regency of Mrs. Thomas Jewel Upchurch, Jr., encompassed the Centennial celebration of the National Society, and exemplified "Service, dedication and loyalty."

Many notable projects were instituted, and many accomplishments were witnessed during the administration. Seven new chapters were added to the Texas Society.

Mrs. Upchurch's primary State Regent project established an endowment fund for rehabilitation therapy for needy children at Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation, Gonzales. The $15,000.00 endowment fund for needy children almost doubled in donations before the end of the administration.

TSDAR endowed scholarships in state-supported colleges and universities, and each received an additional $12,000.00. This action increased the amount of endowed scholarships from $35,000.00 to $112,000.00 during the three-year administration. A $10,000.00 Marion Day Mullins Endowment Fund to the TWU DAR Museum was presented to Texas Woman's University and increased by an additional $5,000.00 before the end of the Administration.

The first Texas Society Directory since 1978 was printed, and the 1929 TSDAR History was reprinted, with both being made available to members. Copies of the Directory and History were presented to the NSDAR Library. A slide program featuring the NSDAR Library was produced to enlighten Texas Daughters about the history and valuable collections held within the confines of the facility at the National Headquarters.

The Annual Proceedings of the Ninety-Second State Conference was proudly dedicated in memory of Eugenia Washington, National Number ONE who had served the National Society as Registrar General and who had been a Charter member of George Washington Chapter organized in 1895 in Galveston.

The Sarah McCalla Park in Milam County, dedicated by that chapter in 1936, was located, and with assistance from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, was moved. Plans were initiated to mark the grave of the first State Regent of Texas. Upon completion of the plans and necessary work, these two dedications transpired during the ensuing administration. The Texas Society was also contacted about assisting with the refurbishing of markers located on the Camino Real that had received the Society's assistance in 1936.

A Rose Garden, with commemorative plaque, was presented to NSDAR through the generosity of a Texas member and her husband. The Garden was added to the landscape at National Headquarters and was duly dedicated by the Texas Society. Floor directories were approved and placed at National Headquarters honoring Texas' Executive Officer, Nancy Reynolds Tiner, Recording Secretary General, serving during the NSDAR Centennial Administration.

Devoted and hard working Texas Society Daughters who generously supported the National Society projects earned numerous awards and received much recognition during Continental Congress.

Judith Ann Hanner Upchurch, a second-generation Daughter, National No. 508121, was born in Oklahoma City, March 30, 1932, to Harry Marvin and Frances Amelia English Hanner. Mrs. Upchurch joined her mother's chapter, Prudence Alexander, as a junior member in 1965. Following graduation from Southern Methodist University with a B.A. degree, she was a paralegal secretary and office manager for a Dallas law firm. At the time of her marriage to Tom Upchurch, Jr., attorney, she moved to Amarillo and transferred her membership to Esther McCrory Chapter. Later she became organizing Vice Regent of Arredondo Chapter where she served in many capacities including chapter regent.

Mrs. Upchurch served as State Chairman of the DAR Service for Veteran Patients Committee and DAR Good Citizens. She was Co-Chairman of the "Roster Of Texas Daughters Revolutionary Ancestors." She was a State and Life Promoter of C.A.R. and proudly wore the C.A.R. Endowment pin and the 300 Club pin. She rendered service as Senior President of the John Alden Society C.A.R.

Dedicated service to the Texas Society included election as State Recording Secretary 1976-1979, State Treasurer 1979-1982, State Vice Regent 1985-1988, and election to the office of State Regent in 1988. Upon retirement from her State Regency in 1991, Mrs. Upchurch was elected Honorary State Regent for life. Mrs. Upchurch rendered service to the National Society as a member of the Congress Corridor Hostesses and National Vice Chairman of the Congress Marshal Committee. She was elected 1991-1994 as Vice President General, NSDAR.

Judy Hanner Upchurch served her chapters, State, and National Society in many capacities. She was a member of the NSDAR Vice Presidents General Club, NSDAR State Regents' Club, NSDAR State Vice Regents' Club and NSDAR National Vice Chairmen's Association. She served the Texas State Officers Club as President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary, and held membership in the Texas Chapter Regents Club and Texas State Chairmen's Club. Judy proved the records of twenty-one Revolutionary soldiers and patriots for NSDAR.

Mrs. Upchurch served in many capacities in other organizations including the Daughters of the American Colonists, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Magna Charta Dames, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Southern Dames of America, United States Daughters of the War of 1812, and Daughters of Colonial Wars. Mrs. Upchurch was a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and served her Unit in several offices including that of President. Her time and energies were given as President of the Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society, Amarillo Law Wives Association, Potter County Historical Society, Genealogical Advisory Board of Directors of the Don and Sybil Harrington Discovery Center, Amarillo Historical Preservation Foundation, Campfire Girls, and various other civic and social organizations.

Mrs. Upchurch's husband, Tom, was a graduate of Texas A&M, where he received the DAR Junior Honors Man Award. He graduated from the Southern Methodist University School of Law. Tom was a member of the Panhandle Plains Chapter S.A.R. Their daughters were members of the Children of the American Revolution and later joined their mother's DAR chapter. Mrs. Upchurch succumbed to cancer March 19, 1999 and was interred at Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Tom, twin daughters Karen Isem and Diane Upchurch, daughter Laurie Ricks, and three grandchildren.

Judith Ann Hanner Upchurch discharged the duties of her office with utmost efficiency. No job was ever too big or too small!



Barbara Tucker Harrell

Texas State Regent 1991-1994
Honorary State Regent
Vice President General 1994-1997
Registrar General 1998-2001
Bandera - San Antonio

State Regent Projects & Other Notable Accomplishments

Established anOccupational Therapy Scholarship at the University of Texas Medical Branch - Galveston, School of Allied Health Sciences; dedicated gravesite of First State Regent of Texas, Florence Anderson Clark, at Oakwood Cemetery, Austin.

Mrs. John Kenneth Harrell

Texas State Regent 1991-1994

"Faith in GOD, love of HOME and Duty to Country through dedicated SERVICE," the motto chosen by Mrs. John Kenneth Harrell during her state regency, exemplified her administration. The unified effort of Texas Daughters to work together, to believe and achieve, brought an unparalleled record of accomplishment to the Texas Society.

Much time and effort was devoted to conserving and preserving existing chapters as well as promoting the organization of new chapters. Ten new chapters were organized and the Texas Society grew to over 17,000 members.

Realizing that all Texas Daughters should benefit from their membership, Mrs. Harrell instituted the annual Fall Forum in lieu of the division tours held in previous administrations. The one-day Forum, scheduled on the second Saturday in September, and held annually in Austin, proved most successful. The one-day Forum afforded more Daughters the opportunity to participate on the state level, and to serve as state chairmen, vice chairmen and seek state offices.

The State Regent's project— an Occupational Therapy Scholarship at the University of Texas Medical Branch - Galveston, School of Allied Health Sciences, received a $25,000.00 full endowment. Texas Armed Services Award III, instituted as a State project, was initiated at Brooks AFB with annual awards presented to Outstanding Graduates in Flight Nursing and Outstanding USAF Aero medical Evacuation Technician Honor Graduates of the Year. Three new awards were instituted at Randolph AFB: Outstanding Student Pilot of the Year, Outstanding Instructor in Navigational Training, and Outstanding Student in Navigational Training. An Outstanding Special Services Personnel of the Year award was instituted at Reese, AFB.

Research revealed through records at Sam Houston State University indicated a TSDAR Student Loan Fund established in 1909 at Sam Houston Normal School had, by 1992, increased to $12,652,52. The restructuring of the student loan fund enabled TSDAR to endow a Teachers Education scholarship at the University honoring the 200th anniversary of the birth of General Sam Houston.

A Texas DAR Scholarship in the amount of $10,000.00 was endowed at Berry College, Rome, GA. Texas also sponsored its first bus tour to Tamassee, K.D.S., and Berry College.

Texas Juniors had an enviable record of excellence. Texas Juniors brought home nearly every first place award presented by the National Junior Membership Committee. "Juniors of the Texas DAR" video received special national recognition.

The Texas NSDAR Centennial Park at the site of Old Nashville, on the banks of the Brazos River, was dedicated. A resolution was presented to the Curator of the Milam County Historical Museum, recognizing the accomplishments of the Sarah McCalla Chapter of Cameron (1910-1968), with a framed copy for the county library. In recognition of the State Columbus Quincentennial project a TSDAR matching grant, in the amount of $1,500.00, was presented to the Museum to aid in preserving and displaying relics recovered from two separate digs at the sites of two early Texas Spanish missions.

A dedication ceremony for the placement of a marker in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, was held at the grave of the First State Regent of Texas, Florence Anderson Clark (Mrs. James B.) with members of the Clark family present. A marker dedication at the grave of Mrs. Frank Garland Trau, Texas State Regent 1949-1952, past Vice President General and Past Corresponding Secretary General, was held jointly with the T.S.D.A.C. at Oakwood Cemetery in Waco.

Generous Texas Daughters donated noteworthy items to the Texas Room at Memorial Continental Hall, DAR Museum, and Yochim Gallery. The Texas State Chorus made its debut during this administration, as did the Page Club and Past Juniors Club.

Mrs. Harrell, a third generation Daughter, joined Bandera Chapter as a Junior member in 1974. She served as chairman of numerous committees, and held several offices, including Regent 1979-1981. She served as a State and National Page and was named the 1978 "Texas Outstanding Junior Member." While serving as Texas State Chairman of Junior Membership she instituted the "The Lone Star Regalia" and Outstanding Chapter Regent contest. While serving as National Vice Chairman South-Central Division Junior Membership 1980-1983, she recommended the formation of the Outstanding Junior Club, which was adopted by NSDAR and was appointed Organizing Secretary of the Club by the President General.

Mrs. Harrell served the Texas Society in many capacities and recommended the formation of the Texas State Chairmen's Club. She was elected Organizing Secretary 1982-1985, Recording Secretary 1985-1988, State Vice Regent 1988-1991, and State Regent 1991-1994. She was confirmed as Texas State Regent at the 100th Continental Congress.

Mrs. Harrell rendered service on various National committees. She was appointed by the Centennial President General to serve as National Chairman of Public Relations and Congress Public Relations 1989-1991. Having served as Vice President General 1994-1997, she was appointed State Parliamentarian 1997-1998 prior to her election as Registrar General 1998-2001 during the Love Administration.

Mrs. Harrell proved the services of 22 revolutionary soldiers and patriots for NSDAR of which 13 were new records. She is a member of many patriotic societies and civic organizations and is a Life Promoter of N.S.C.A.R.

Mrs. Harrell is the widow of John Kenneth Harrell who passed away in 2004. Mr. Harrell was a prominent Texas oilman, Legion of Honor Member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, and a rancher. Mr. Harrell was a member of the San Antonio Chapter S.A.R., past member of the NSDAR Advisory Committee 1998-2001, Life Promoter of N.S.C.A.R. and a noted historian and author. They were partners in John K. Harrell Petroleum & Ranch Properties - Investments in which Mrs. Harrell continues work. They have two S.A.R. sons, two DAR daughters, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Harrell has resided in San Antonio since 1990 and is currently a member of the San Antonio de Bexar Chapter.

The full accounting of the notable accomplishments of this administration is recorded for posterity in the 1992, 1993 and 1994 Annual Proceedings of the Texas Society.



Virginia Hollifield Stegall
Texas State Regent 1994-1997
Honorary State Regent
Vice President General NSDAR 1997-2000
San Antonio

State Regent Projects & Other Notable Accomplishments
Initiated the project to locate and rededicate the 128 Texas Monuments marking the Kings Highway, Camino Real; ten chairs were purchased in honor of President General Dorla Kemper for Constitution Hall, and five additional chairs were purchased for the Texas Box; promoted literacy and the endowment of another scholarship for certification in learning disabilities at Southwest Texas State University.

Virginia Hollifield Stegall
State Regent 1994-1997

Virginia Hollifield Stegall, with a background rich in service and achievement, was elected State Regent on March 26, 1994.

Mrs. Stegall joined Lady Washington Chapter, Houston in 1957, and upon moving to San Antonio, joined San Antonio de Bexar Chapter. Virginia served her chapters as Historian, First Vice Regent, Regent 1972-1974, and two terms as Parliamentarian, in addition to chairing numerous chapter committees.

Virginia's DAR membership spans a period of over 48 years in which time she has served the Texas Society as State Chairman of Junior Membership, State Page Chairman, State Chairman of the Texas Room, State Marshal Committee and State Chairman Division VII State Regent's Project—Living Memorial Tree. Through the years, she served as a member and Vice Chairman of numerous committees.

On the National level, Mrs. Stegall was appointed by the President General and served as National Vice Chairman, South-Central Division; Junior Membership Committee 1968-1971; and National Vice Chairman, South-Central Division, Public Relations Committee 1971-1974.

Virginia Stegall was selected the Texas and NSDAR South-Central Division Outstanding Junior Member in 1968, and she is a Life Member of the NSDAR Outstanding Junior Club. She is a life member of the National Officers' Club; the Vice Presidents' General Club, having served as Chaplain; the State Vice Regents' Club; and the National Vice Chairmen's Association. She is a member of the Texas State Chairmen's Club; Texas State Officers Club, having served as President; and served as Chaplain of the Texas Chapter Regents Club.

Virginia proudly wears the ancestor bars of eighteen Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, whom she has proven for NSDAR.

During Mrs. Stegall's term of office as the TSDAR Centennial State Regent, her projects were the promotion of literacy and the endowment of another scholarship for certification in learning disabilities at Southwest Texas State University, making a total of 12 endowed scholarships at Texas universities. Tamassee DAR School, Inc.; Kate Duncan Smith School, Inc.; Crossnore School, Inc.; and Hillside School, Inc. all received $10,000 scholarships.

In 1995, the Texas Daughters celebrated the Centennial year first in Galveston on June 17, the date that the George Washington Chapter, the first chapter in Texas, was chartered. A Colonial Tea was given by the George Washington Chapter, and that evening the Texas Society Galveston Kick-off Committee provided a wonderful evening.

The Texas DAR Forest was rededicated on October 31st, the actual date in 1929 when the forest was dedicated. The rededication ceremony at Warm Springs in Gonzales was a remembrance of the history of that institution. The summer centennial issue of the Texas DAR Bulletin was an historical issue with emphasis on the chapters. Limited edition centennial souvenir products were available using the design created by Kelley Bennett Poydence of Richard Bard Chapter, Dallas.

During Mrs. Stegall's State Regency, many awards were received on the National level, including the 6th grade National Winner in the American History Essay Contest. First place awards were also received for Most New Junior Members, Most JAC Clubs, Flag giving, and Most Monetary Support to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, to name a few.

Ten chairs were purchased in honor of President General Dorla Kemper for Constitution Hall, and five additional chairs were purchased for the Texas Box.

Virginia initiated the project to locate and rededicate the 128 Texas Monuments placed every 5 miles by the Texas Society and the State of Texas in 1916, which marked the Kings Highway, Camino Real, Ol' San Antonio Road, from the Sabine River in the East to the Rio Grande River in the West. The first monument was rededicated at the Ninety-Eighth Annual State Conference in San Antonio.

Texas Armed Services Awards were extended to Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo. The Texas Faculty Duplex at Kate Duncan Smith School was partially renovated.

Mrs. Stegall holds memberships in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Magna Charta Dames, and Daughters of the American Colonists. Virginia served as President of The Freedoms Foundation, Past President of Olmos Park Garden Club, Parliamentarian for the San Antonio Junior Forum, and she is a member in various other historical, civic and social organizations.

Virginia Stegall has four children, all of whom were active in C.A.R., and five grandchildren. Her husband Rev. William L. Stegall is a retired School Administrator, and former pastor of Kendalia Community Church. Virginia has a B.A. degree in History from UTSA.

Virginia is a member of Trinity Baptist Church and has been active in the Baptist Church all of her life. She has served as President of Trinity Baptist Women, participated in all phases of church life, and has taught children as well as young married women.

After serving as State Regent, Virginia Hollifield Stegall was elected to the office of Vice President General 1997-2000.



Donna Miller Raymond
Texas State Regent 1997-2000
Honorary State Regent
Kerrville

State Regent Project & Other Notable Accomplishments
Established a $25,000 Endowed General Scholarship at Angelo State University, San Angelo; established a new Texas Armed Services Awards III at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station honoring the Outstanding Air Force Student of the Year; undertook major renovations of the Tamassee Texas Friendship Cottage; led the first Texas History Bus Tour focusing on East Texas History and the rededication of the Texas Society Centennial Park.

Mrs. James M. Raymond
Texas State Regent 1997-2000

Donna Gail Miller Raymond was elected to the office of State Regent on March 14, 1997, at the Ninety-Eighth Annual State Conference in San Antonio. The theme for the Administration was announced as "TEXAS, OUR TEXAS" Pride in the Past, Proud of the Present and Focused on the Future.

Donna joined as a Junior and charter member of the Major James Kerr Chapter, Kerrville on December 6, 1974, and was elected Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Vice Regent, Regent and Honorary Regent of that chapter. She also served as Parliamentarian and chairman or member of various committees.

Mrs. Raymond was appointed to serve as State Chairman of the Motion Picture and Television Committee, DAR Good Citizens Committee, Texas Speakers Staff, Finance Committee, Texas Tea and Fall Forum Coordinator. She also had the honor of serving as personal page to Mary Goodrum Pannill, State Regent 1973-1976. Donna was appointed and served as State Vice Chairman or as a member on numerous committees. Mrs. Raymond was elected to serve her Society as State Vice Regent, State Chaplain, and State Treasurer. Three State Regents asked that she serve as their appointed Parliamentarian.

She holds membership in the Chapter Regent's Club, State Chairman's Club, State Officer's Club (serving twice as President as well as Treasurer and Chaplain), Texas Past Junior's Club, Texas Page Club, DAR Generations Club, and State Promoter, T.S.C.A.R.

On the National level, Mrs. Raymond was appointed by the President General and served as National Vice Chairman, South Central Division, DAR Good Citizens Committee and American History Month Committee. She had the privilege to serve on the DAR Speaker's Staff for many years as an area representative. Other service includes serving as a Congress Page, Assistant Chief Page, and Chief Page. Donna has served on the Congress House Committee, Vice Chairman of Information, and as a member of the President General's Reception Room. She is a Life Member of the National Officers' Club, the State Vice Regents' Club and the National Vice Chairmen's Association. Donna is a Life Pending Member and proudly wears her Revolutionary Ancestors bars and Friends pins. She is a Life Promoter N.S.C.A.R..

During Mrs. Raymond's term of office as State Regent, her project was a $25,000 Endowed General Scholarship at Angelo State University, San Angelo which was over subscribed. The scholarship is based on need rather than grade point. She was also responsible for establishing a new Texas Armed Services Awards III at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station honoring the Outstanding Air Force Student of the Year. Major renovations including structural repair of the Tamassee Texas Friendship Cottage were completed and paid for in less than a year at a cost of approximately $24,000 and $7,000 already raised for Phase II which will be used for cosmetic needs of the cottage. The first Texas History Bus Tour enjoyed seven days of East Texas History and the rededication of the Texas Society Centennial Park located on the west bank of the Brazos River and Highway 79.

The Texas Society received the Fiftieth Anniversary Pioneer Award from Randolph Air Force Base in appreciation of continuous support and unselfish contribution to Randolph AFB. The sum of $73,280 was added to eight existing endowed State scholarships from the general fund. A late neoclassical butler's desk made in America (1830-1840), which needed to be structurally rebuilt, cleaned thoroughly, and have the veneer replaced, was adopted from the DAR Museum. Continued Rededication of 1918 DAR Markers on the El Camino Real (also called the Kings Highway or the Old San Antonio Road).

Many awards were received on the National level during Mrs. Raymond's term of office, including National winners in the DAR Service to Veteran Patients, Youth Volunteer, Outstanding DAR VAVS member and the 8th grade National Winner in the American History Essay Contest. First-place awards were also received for American Heritage, Americanism Essay Contest, Most JAC Clubs, Contributions to Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, New Friends of Junior Membership, Chapter Achievement Awards Greatest Points in the Nation, and National Outstanding Docent, to name a few.

Mrs. Raymond is a member of Daughters of the American Colonists, Texas Society Southern Dames of America, Colonial Dames of America, and United States Daughters of 1812.

Donna and James Maurice Raymond have been married for 42 years and have two sons, James age 32 and Michael age 27. Jim is a self-employed Independent Oil and Gas Producer. Jim and both sons are members of San Antonio Chapter SAR. The Raymond family is Episcopalian. Jim has served as Junior Warden and Donna as President of Women of the Church. Donna's business profession being in the accounting field, she has assisted her husband in bookkeeping, consultations, and public relations. Prior to assisting her husband, she was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington D. C. and Los Angeles, California.

The following remarks were made by Mrs. Raymond at the close of her administration. "Three years ago I stood before you in this same room and asked you to join this Administration in taking the Texas Society into the 21st century as a bright shining star, whose light would set a path of excellence for all to follow. You exceeded all expectations with your enthusiasm, ingenuity and accomplishments. You have set the standard for the 21st Century and the new millennium.

Your State Regent had often lamented the fact that she didn't have any daughters. Shortly after she was elected State Regent, the statement was made that 'You now have almost sixteen thousand Daughters.' I have truly felt as though I have had sixteen thousand Daughters. Each and every one of you is very special. Your kindness, courtesy, generosity, love and devotion to the Texas Society have been greatly appreciated. Together we have accomplished much that we can be proud of."

Donna served the Texas Society with wisdom, dedication and love. At the end of her Administration she was elected Honorary State Regent and from there went on to be elected as Corresponding Secretary General, NSDAR.



Texas Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
State Officers 1975-2000

"If we do not lay out ourselves in the service of mankind whom shall we serve?"

Abigail Adams, Letter to John Thaxson September 29, 1778

1976-1979

Regent	Mrs. Georgia Bingle Edman
Vice Regent	Mrs. Ernest Scott Brainard
Chaplain	Mrs. Howel W. Woodfin
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Thomas J. Upchurch, Jr.
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. William Burgett
Organizing Secretary	Mrs. Robert H. Parkinson
Treasurer	Mrs. Kenneth L. Wickett
Registrar	Mrs. Quincy W. Bynum
Historian	Mrs. Leland R. Adam
Librarian	Mrs. J. M. Ribble
Curator	Mrs. George C. VanHusen
Parliamentarian	Mrs. Lewis Patrick O'Neill

1979-1982

Regent	Mrs. Ernest S. Brainard
Vice Regent	Dr. Carol M. Woodfin
Chaplain	Mrs. John O. Tucker, Jr.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Wayne D. Tiner
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. John E. Cross
Organizing Secretary	Mrs. Paul F. Roberts
Treasurer	Mrs. Tom Upchurch
Registrar	Mrs. Robert D. Evans
Historian	Mrs. Thomas M. Daniel
Librarian	Mrs. B. J. Lovett
Curator	Mrs. Walter C. Hubbard
Parliamentarian	Mrs. Lewis Patrick O'Neil

1982-1985

Regent	Mrs. Wayne D. Tiner
Vice Regent	Mrs. Lynn B. Harding
Chaplain	Mrs. John E. Cross
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Billie Joe Lovett
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. John Ramp
Organizing Secretary	Mrs. John K. Harrell, Sr.
Treasurer	Mrs. James M. Raymond
Registrar	Mrs. Jack Patterson
Historian	Mrs. Albert L. Delaney, Jr.
Librarian	Mrs. Albert B. Welsch
Curator	Mrs. Robert B. Oder
Parliamentarian	Mrs. Ernest S. Brainard

1985-1988

Regent	Mrs. Billie Joe Lovett
Vice Regent	Mrs. Tom Upchurch, Jr.
Chaplain	Mrs. James M. Raymond
Recording Secretary	Mrs. John K. Harrell
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Jane P. Pardo
Organizing Secretary	Mrs. John J. DeShazo
Treasurer	Mrs. Virginia H. Mason
Registrar	Mrs. Clell L. Sechrest
Historian	Mrs. Robert B. Oder
Librarian	Mrs. John D. Wilbanks
Curator	Mrs. Charles F. Cockrell
Parliamentarian	Mrs. Dudley Althaus

1988-1991

Regent	Mrs. Thomas J. Upchurch, Jr.
Vice Regent	Mrs. John K. Harrell
Chaplain	Mrs. William L. Stegall
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Jane P. Pardo
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Donald R. Heckerman
Organizing Secretary	Mrs. Richard F. Seibert
Treasurer	Mrs. Stephen W. Pierce
Registrar	Mrs. Hubert E. Johnson
Historian	Mrs. Ben M. McKenzie
Librarian	Mrs. Cleland E. Early
Curator	Mrs. Jerry D. Minton
Parliamentarian 1988-1989	Mrs. Wayne D. Tiner
Parliamentarian 1989-1991	Mrs. James M. Raymond

1991-1994

Regent	Mrs. John K. Harrell
Vice Regent	Mrs. William L. Stegall
Chaplain	Mrs. Stephen W. Pierce
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Ben M. McKenzie
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Elbert B. Patton
Organizing Secretary	Mrs. Travis T. Sheffield
Treasurer	Mrs. John C. Osteen
Registrar	Mrs. Gerald C. Puckett
Historian	Mrs. William A. Schmidt
Librarian	Mrs. Michael R. Cannon
Curator	Mrs. Ann Drake
Parliamentarian	Mrs. James M. Raymond

1994-1997

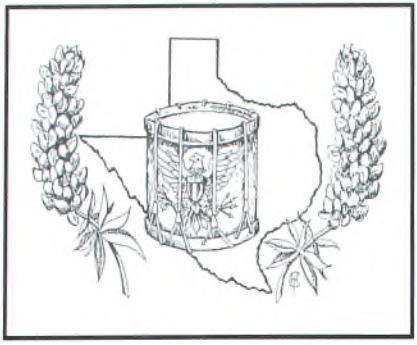
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Organizing Secretary	Mrs. John M. Ivancevich
Treasurer	Mrs. John D. Ramp
Registrar	Mrs. Franklin S. Dodd
Historian	Mrs. Robert M. Minton, Jr.
Librarian	Mrs. Charles B. Gibson
Curator	Mrs. J. Leon Mobley
Parliamentarian	Mrs. Albert B. Welch

1997-2000

Regent	Mrs. James M. Raymond
Vice Regent	Mrs. John D. Ramp
Chaplain	Mrs. E. Branch Patton
Recording Secretary	Mrs. L. Steven Young
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Albert B. Welch
Organizing Secretary	Mrs. Fred C. Ryals
Treasurer	Mrs. Franklin S. Dodd
Registrar	Mrs. E. Neil Duckworth
Historian	Mrs. Margie Bates Nelson
Librarian	Mrs. Kevin R. Bassett
Curator	Mrs. Earl P. Price, Jr.
Parliamentarian	Mrs. L. Winston Morris



BLUEBONNET
BREAKFAST
1986



For many years, the Texas Juniors Bluebonnet Breakfast was a tradition. This illustration was for 1987.



2000 TSDAR Conference Pages with State Regent Donna Raymond



Junior Membership Committee Members, 1985-1988. Standing: JoAnne Zumbrun, Editor Junior Regalia; Sudie Pool, Chairman, Outstanding Junior Contest; Elizabeth Ferguson, Vice Chairman Junior Bazaar. Front row: Kelly Greiner, Vice Chairman Junior Membership; Elane Osteen, Chairman Junior Bazaar, Pegi Ivancevich



Valerie M. Haesly-Parson carries the Texas Flag.



Juniors Tina French, Jennifer Cottingham, Donna Randolph and Valerie M. Haesly-Parson (Chapter Of '95)
Jane Douglas Chapter, January 1995



1999 Continental Congress 1999 TSDAR Pages (l-r, bottom to top:) Sandra Franke, Sarah Hawke, Renee Fairchild Ginney Poffenberger, Gina Henderson, Liz Bulter Smith, Jill Kunnecke, Valerie M. Haesly-Parson, Gabby Haydaka, Kelley Poydence, and Pamela Wright.

Texas State Society Junior Membership 1975-2000

A Junior Member is a DAR member aged 18 through 35. She is a full-fledged member of the National Society and of her Chapter. Juniors are eligible to serve as Officers or Chairmen at Chapter, State and National levels. A Junior Member is automatically a member of the Junior Membership Committee, and may purchase a Junior Pin from J. E. Caldwell to wear on her official DAR ribbon. The National Junior Membership Committee was established in 1937. Its goals are to encourage active participation by Junior Members in all phases of DAR work; to support the National Junior fund-raising project, the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund; and to gain new Junior Members.

Juniors bring their youthful energy and excitement to DAR. Not only do they page at State Conference and Continental Congress, thereby providing an essential service to the Society, they also raise funds for the Helen Pouch Memorial fund which provides medical aid and general financial assistance to the two DAR Schools, Kate Duncan Smith and Tamassee. Many Juniors continue their commitment to DAR, becoming Chapter, State and National leaders. They find the Junior experience enriching as they make enduring friends from across the state.

The 1975-2000 period was a dynamic time for DAR and the Junior Membership Committee. Many innovations were introduced to make Junior Membership even more exciting and rewarding.

The Texas Page pin was authorized under State Regent Georgia B. Edman, 1976-1979. A newsletter, specific to Texas Junior Members and Juniors at Heart, *The Lone Star Regalia*, was established in 1979, Barbara Harrell, Junior Membership Chairman, Jayne Brainard, State Regent.

Established under Junior Membership Chairman Barbara Harrell, the Chapter Outstanding Regent Contest was designed to honor a Regent who excelled in promoting the goals of the Junior Membership Committee in her Chapter. The first recipient was Louise Oder, Regent of the Cherokee Trace Chapter. In 1995 the Contest was changed to the "Juniors' Choice Chapter," under Junior Membership Chairman, Martha Jacob, State Regent, Virginia Stegall. The first Juniors' Choice Chapter was the Richard Bard Chapter of Mesquite.

An Outstanding Conference Page was selected for the first time in 1980, Jayne Brainard, State Regent, Sydney Brainard, Page Chairman. The first recipient was Lynn Forney Young.

In 1990, NSDAR initiated the Friends of Junior Membership; by 2000, Texas had 110 Friends of Junior Membership.

Junior Membership Chairman, Janet Baker Burks, under the auspices of State Regent, Barbara Harrell, completed a video, *The Juniors of Texas DAR*, in September 1992. This video, a tool to recruit and retain Junior Members, won awards at the National level.

The Page Club, for anyone who has ever been a Texas Page, was established under Barbara Harrell, State Regent. The Organizing President, Virginia "Ginny" Poffenberger presided over the organizational meeting on March 25, 1994.

The TSDAR Junior Membership Council was organized in 1995, Martha Jacob, Junior Membership Chairman and Virginia Stegall, State Regent. The committee's purpose is to coordinate the activities and events of the Junior Membership related committees. The committee consists of the Chairmen of Junior Membership, Outstanding Junior Member Contest, Page, Junior Bazaar (Shoppe), and *Lone Star Regalia*.

NSDAR approved the Chapter Outstanding Junior pin in 2000. This concept came out of the Texas Junior Membership Committee and was presented to the NSDAR Board of Management by State Regent Donna Raymond in 1998.

Texas has sent a State Outstanding Junior Member to National every year. On two occasions, the Texas winner was selected as the National Runner-up: Martha Lovett Jacobs, in 1991, and Sara Gunter Hawk, in 1998.

The Junior Membership Committee hosts a meal at State Conference each year. Junior Membership awards such as Chapter Outstanding Junior Presentations are typical features at the event. This is always a time of fun and fellowship and is open to all members.

During the period 1975-2000, the Texas Junior Membership Committee has consistently won National awards for New Junior Members, Donations to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, Junior Sales, Friends of Junior Membership, and the sales initiative—most recently Innisbrook Sales.

Texas Junior Membership Chairmen 1975-2000

1974-1976 Mrs. Ronald Peebles
1976-1979 Mrs. J. Richard Booth
1979-1982 Barbara Tucker Harrell
1982-1985 Martha "Marty" Minton
1985-1988 Margaret "Pegi" Ivancevich
1988-1992 Letitia "Tish" Teague Puckett
1992-1995 Janet Baker Burks
1995-1998 Martha Lovett Jacob
1998-2001 J. Renee L. Fairchild



Diana Raz at C.A.R. Christmas Party



Jynn Schubert at TSDAR Conference



Travis and Turner Isley at TSDAR State Conference



C.A.R. State Conference



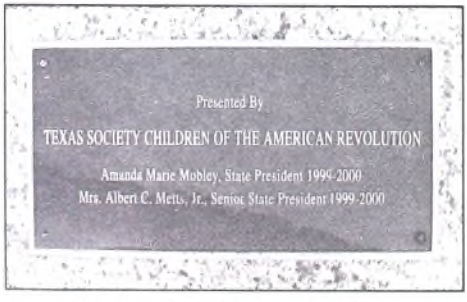
Matt Cole, Shadrack Barnes



Isabelle Erickson at C.A.R. State Conference



TSDAR State Conference: Sr. State President Betty Metts, Sr. Vice President S. Central Region, Pam Wright, and children from Societies



Plaque placed by C.A.R. at Espiritu Santo Mission, Goliad, to mark planting of a Stephen F. Austin Oak in honor of early mission cattle drives.



NSCAR Headquarters Museum

Texas State Society Children of the American Revolution 1975-2000

Honorary Senior & State Presidents

Mrs. J. O. Miller, Victoria (1975-77); Charla Ann Brochers, Victoria (1975-76); Randall Steve McKellar, Dallas (1976-77); Mrs. Robert W. McKellar, Dallas (1977-79); Lace Renee Bourgeois, Houston (1977-78); Steve Eliot Sanderfer, Austin (1978-79); Mrs. Richard O. O'Bryant, Richardson (1979-81); Linda Jeanne Davis, Richardson (1979-80); Richard P. Oneil O'Bryant, Richardson (1980-81); Mrs. Albert B. Welch, Dallas (1981-83); Randall Scott Trahan, San Antonio (1981-82); Sutton Elizabeth Stephens, Highland Park (1982-83); Mrs. Kenneth L. Wickett, Fort Worth (1983-85); Conrad Allen Hamric, Rotan (1983-84); Laura Lee Stem, Marlin (1984-85); Mrs. Harry J. Adams, Lufkin (1985-87); William Palmer Cunningham, Dallas (1985-86); Leslie Maurice Jordan III, Fort Worth (1986-87); Mrs. L. Steven Young, Houston (1987-89); Temple Houston Weiss, McGregor (1987-88); Andrew Thomas Scardino, Houston (1988-89); Mrs. Billie Joe Lovett, Tomball (1989-91); Hilary Hampton Milam, Houston (1989-90); Robert Ross Mangum, III, Waco (1990-91); Mrs. Glen D. Pirtle, Jr., Plano (1991-93); Amy MacKay Denton, Missouri City (1991-92); Michelle Leigh Robertson, Dallas (1992-93); Mrs. Leslie M. Jordan, Sr., Fort Worth (1993-94); Andrew Jordan Haynes, Fort Worth (1993-94); Mrs. John Griffin Wright, Houston (1994-97); Lindsey Kay Smith, Houston (1994-95); Randall Allen Hinckley, Azle (1995-96); Sarah-Elise Dunklin, Houston (1996-97); Mrs. Albert C. Metts, Jr., San Antonio (1997-01); Sarah Katherine Hinckley, Azle (1997-98); Benjamin Louis Schlitt, Houston (1998-99); Amanda Marie Mobley, Garland (1999-00); Jamie P. Durham, Lufkin (2000-2001).

T.S.C.A.R. History, 1975-2000

During this twenty-five year period, T.S.C.A.R. achieved many outstanding goals, and regretfully, not all can be acknowledged in this limited history. The persons listed above provided leadership, enthusiasm, dedication and encouraged the societies of Texas to excel and go on to win many awards at N.S.C.A.R. The Texas Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution, contributed to the success of T.S.C.A.R.

Texas is celebrating the Bicentennial years of 1975-1977, as this history begins, and there is a period of growth that is continued into the next administration, 1977-1979. The State membership gained 376 new members, bringing the total membership to 1400 members, and organized 16 new societies, increasing the number of societies to 54. T.S.C.A.R. accomplished many State and National goals, receiving recognition for their efforts at the National Conventions. Stephen Scott Miller of Victoria, is the National President in 1976-1977.

The new enthusiasm for C.A.R. in Texas created new interest in becoming a State, National or Life Promoter. Consequently, T.S.C.A.R. won a National Award. There is renewed support for the "300 Club" and the Headquarters Building. The administrations had not succeeded in locating a suitable Headquarters Building, but did propose a Charter for Incorporation, to be presented to N.S.C.A.R. Lace Bourgeois designed the Yellow Rose Pin, and in 1977-78, the Yearbook included two new committees: A Quilt Committee and the C.A.R. Magazine Committee. A pieced quilt, with each square representing an officer, chairman, or society, became the 1977 committee project. Another achievement of this time is the history book, authored by Steve Sanderfer, *History of the Texas Society, Children of the American Revolution, 1896-1979*. Concern for gaining the interest of members 12 and under promoted enthusiasm for the C.A.R. Junior Participation Committee.

Dallas hosted the Sixth Annual South Central Regional Meeting with 200 in attendance, 139 being Texans! Three young Debutantes made their Debut at the El Paso DAR State Conference: Linda Davis, Leaf Faller and Tami Linne. Charla Ann Borchers of Victoria, is the National President in 1979-1980.

The Dorothy Bishop O'Bryant Memorial Scholarship, established to honor Honorary Senior State President, Mrs. Richard O. O'Bryant, 1980-1981 would assist a high school senior with college expenses.

Again, as in past administrations, growth was a challenging project for the years 1981-89. During these years, 16 societies organized and 305+ new members were welcomed to T.S.C.A.R..

A state project in 1983-84 encouraged the planting of trees at historic sites in Texas, then in 1985-1986, two projects had C.A.R. participation: The Sesquicentennial Celebrations and Veterans Project. In 1988-89, the state project encouraged societies to honor a local citizen at a community event, and to enter the citizen in the "T.S.C.A.R.–Outstanding Citizenship Award." Lori Lynn Brugier, Houston is the National President in 1987-1988.

The 63rd State Conference, held in Austin in 1990, had 23 of the 50 societies in attendance. The following year at the 64th State Conference in Houston, members celebrated "T.S.C.A.R– The Strongest Link in the Chain." Heather Love Stephens, Highland Park, is the National President in 1991-1992.

State projects in 1992-95: The Texas Endowment Fund and a state project to increase membership and member participation. T.S.C.A.R. also won a National Award for the 1995 Texas History Book entry.

Mrs. Patricia Love Stephens is elected Senior National President, 1994-1996 and the Peewee Patriots Program came into being for members 10 and under. The T.S.C.A.R. Scholarship, established in 1994, would allow awarding more than one scholarship, funds permitting. The Centennial Anniversary of N.S.C.A.R. is celebrated in Texas at the Houston 68th State Conference. In 1996, the Senior Board established the T.S.C.A.R. Memorial Endowment Fund using funding from the Headquarters Building Fund, a project now considered unattainable. The Senior Board also established the Catherine and Camille Scholarship.

Between 1996-2000, the State projects included: Sam Houston Museum and Home; the Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery; donating books for classroom libraries in elementary schools; and in 1999, the dedication of a Texas Historical Marker, and planting of a Stephen F. Austin Oak at the Goliad State Historical Park.

Honorary Senior State President Mrs. Charles F. Fay, 1971-1973, willed $20,000 dollars to T.S.C.A.R. in 2000. The donation established the Mary Smith Fay Genealogical Scholarship in 2000. The last project in this 25-year history is the funding for a replica Flag of the New Orleans Greys. State Directory: Membership was 827, and there were 36 Societies in 2000.



Texas Daughters take pride in their chapters as the Daniel McMahon Chapter demonstrates.



Texas Chapters honor the fallen soldiers as evidenced here by the Temple to the Brave in Beaumont, supported by the Colonel George Moffett Chapter.



Texas Daughters made many Bicentennial quilts and afghans, like this one by the Captain Elisha Mack Chapter.



Texas Daughters enthusiastically rededicated the El Camino Real Markers. Here the Samuel Sorrell Chapter held a marker rededication Chapter Tour in April 1999.



Texas Daughters are leaders, as demonstrated by Mary Fay, the first Texan elected as Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists.

Texas State Society
Chapter Histories 1975-2000



Signature of applicant,

Mary Martin Scott

Residence,

New Waverly -
Walker Co. Texas

Real Daughter Mary Martin Elmore Scott in her later years; underneath is the signature from her original DAR application.



Texas Chapters marked the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers, like that of Richard Tice at Old Independence. The gravesite contains a metal DAR marker, placed originally by the Sarah McCalla Chapter (now disbanded), and rededicated by the La Villita and Jabez Deming Chapters in 1990.



Texas Daughters are proud of the Chapter Charters, as in this photo of the Major Thaddeus Beall charter members attending the Charter Presentation ceremony.



Texas Chapters like Wolf Creek support the school children of Texas, helping them learn about the Constitution.



Texas Daughters are active in their communities: Lady Houston Chapter at the Recycling Dump, 1993.

Texas State Society Chapter Histories 1975-2000



Members attending 1996 Celebration of Chapter's 50th Anniversary

Aaron Burleson - Longview

The Aaron Burleson Chapter is an active, functioning group that was formed by Mrs. Curtis W. Meadows in Longview, Texas, February 1, 1946, with 26 members. A Fiftieth Anniversary Tea was held in 1996 honoring the founding.

The Chapter was named for Aaron Burleson II who was born in 1749 in Buncombe County, N. C. His service was as a Minute Man and after the war he joined his friend, Daniel Boone, in Kentucky. Aaron II was killed by Indians while crossing the Clinch River in Tennessee.

Members recognize Good Citizens from area schools, award a scholarship to a senior, give a medal to an outstanding JROTC senior, and promote Constitution Week. They have conducted several genealogy workshops, recognized community leaders for historical preservation, and in 1999 recommended Mr. Jim McGhee, who received the NSDAR Outstanding American History Teacher Award.

An important occasion was the luncheon honoring Leonard Morrison Riggs who was the recipient of the first NSDAR Conservation Medal for exemplifying the highest professional standards as a landscape architect and for his significant contribution to the beautification of East Texas. Several important people were present for the medal presentation including Mrs. Betsy Moreland, National Chairman of Conservation for the NSDAR.

About 1991, Kristin Chrouser was the Chapter nominee for the TSDAR Scholarship Award, and was honored to win State recognition. A Generations Tea was held in 1996 to honor those mothers and daughters who are members of NSDAR. In 1999, Dorothy Cannon was honored with the Daughter of Liberty Medal by the East Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. This award is the highest that can be bestowed upon a DAR member by the SAR.

The dedicated regents from 1975-2000 were Mrs. Charles Perkins, Mrs. Thomas Welch, Mrs. Dan Lucy, Mrs. Margaret Moss Buckstaff, Mrs. Richard LeTourneau, Mrs. Malcolm Baushke, Mrs. Donald Gassaway, Mrs. Gregory Herbeck, Mrs. Robert Cannon, Mrs. Malcolm Phillips, and Mrs. Ron Nader.

Alamo Chapter - San Antonio

From 1975-2000, the Alamo Chapter accomplished a great deal. During Regent Mrs. Y. G. LeLauren's term (1975-1977), our library collection, consisting of minutes, scrapbooks, and so forth, was accepted by San Antonio College, who will remain custodians, and be available to members and researchers. During Ms. Bettye Grissom's regency (1977-1979), Washington's Birthday featured speaker Ira Corn, who brought the only privately owned Declaration of Independence printed on July 4, 1776, by John Dunlap. When Regent Mrs. H. E. Menger served (1979-1981), we donated clothes and money to Tamassee. During Regent Mrs. G. M. Roper's term (1981-1983), Marine Col. R. S. D. Lockwood spoke on "Victory at Yorktown."

During Mrs. R. B. Gould's term (1983-1985), the Texas Declaration of Independence was celebrated, and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas invited us to take part in the pilgrimage to the Alamo. When Mrs. Caroline L. Riley served (1985-1987), five history teachers participated in the Outstanding American History Teacher Contest, with the award presented to Mr. Alfred Kiris. Regent Mrs. Harold Hitt (1987-1989), celebrated Washington's Birthday at Oak Hills Country Club. Willa Peek was on the DAR Committee for Textbook Evaluation during this time. During Regent Mrs. R. B. Gould's term (1989-1991), the Americanism award was given to Irish Priest Father Liam Brosman of St. Pius Church, whose large American flag always flies in front of his home.

When Mrs. C. D. Quintrell was Regent (1991-1993), ROTC medals were presented to students in five schools. DAR cards with the Declaration of Independence were presented in two Naturalization ceremonies. Alamo Chapter historical markers were verified. During Mrs. V. Koch's administration (1993-1995), the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital presented Carolyn Dullnig with a 300-hour pin. Past Regent Nancy Tiner was honored with a tea. Regent Mrs. J. E. Ingram served from 1995-1997. Member Lila Marshall, who was 96, spoke on her world travels. Mrs. C. Prystash (Linna) served from 1997-2000; Linna was a Junior Member in 1983 and State Vice Chairman of the Junior Bazaar Scholarship program. The State Conference 2000 dinner honored Lila Marshall as a Tri-Centurion. A cookbook was printed with recipes from the wives of U. S. Presidents and Governors.



TSDAR Special Schools Fundraiser: Mesdames Prystach, Brown, and Dullnig



Past Regents Jenny Fagg, Pat Howard, Susan Salm, Rebecca Vandagriff, Manya Rawl

Alexander Love - Houston

The Alexander Love Chapter was organized October 19, 1923, by Mrs. W. A. Rowan and Mrs. I. B. McFarland. Ten descendants of Alexander Love formed the Chapter. We remembered charter member, Nadyne Barrow Bowen, Daughter for 68 years, by establishing a fund to purchase a quilt for the Texas Room. This later became a quilt conservation fund.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our Chapter, and of two past regents who served as State Officers: Audrey Ribble, State Librarian, and Elaine Doom, State Historian. The Chapter marked Mrs. Doom's grave in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Texas.

The Chapter continues participation in the following projects: DAR Supported Schools, flag dedications, Good Citizens, American History Essay involvement, ROTC medals, veterans activities, grave markings, Flag Day, Constitution Week, and Bells Across America. Special Commemorative Events included a Bicentennial luncheon attended by members in colonial dress. We also became WW II Commemorative, Korean War, and George Washington Bicentennial Communities, and honored DAR Members Military, veterans of WW I, II, and Korea.We initiated Genealogical, Parliamentary, and Public Relation Workshops; established Senior Daughter's Tea; began an Evening Committee; and formed the Sunshine Committee. Chapter nominee won the TSDAR Outstanding American History Teacher contest. We sponsored the TSDAR/NSDAR Community Service Award recipient. We presented an Americanism Medal to an outstanding Chinese Immigrant, which gained headlines in the local Chinese newspaper.

Memories include our Centennial Project, plaque rededication at Gonzales Warm Spring Rehabilitation Hospital, honoring Evelyn Schneider, project founder. We gave a 100th birthday tea for member Margaret Everett, great-granddaughter of Sam Houston. A Chapter Junior, Cynthia Fagg Krohn, was Personal Page to State Regent, Barbara Tucker Harrell. We initiated and completed the process to have the Sam Houston letter that had been displayed in the Texas Room, preserved and placed in the Americana Room. A copy is in the Texas Room.

Chapter Regents Virginia Fogle, Nadyne Bowen, Charlotte Wacker, Audrey Ribble, Lois Scott Moody, Patricia Cook Howard, Jo-Ann Whitehead, Kristen Germany, Elaine Baxter, Jenny Fagg, Susan Salm, Rebecca Vandagriff, and Manya Rawl have ably led Alexander Love into the 21st Century, including the beginning of the Chapter website.

Andrew Carruthers - Austin

Named in recognition of Andrew Carruthers, who served at the Battle of King's Mountain during the American Revolution, this Chapter was organized by Mrs. Neil Carothers on November 3, 1909. She conceived the idea of the Chapter as a means to stimulate patriotism in the University of Texas girls so that they could take the ideals of DAR home with them upon graduation, and also as a means of furthering the ambitions of girls faced with struggles and privations to obtain a college education.

The Chapter has been represented well by its members at all levels. Mrs. Argel E. Roberts and Mrs. John W. Reesing have chaired many State Committees. On the National level, Dr. Robin Ruth Alexander represented the Chapter.

In 1989, we celebrated our 80th anniversary at the Austin Woman's Club, where we hosted State Officers. In 1993, the chapter celebrated its 85th anniversary with a Tea, hosted by Mrs. Jackson W. Bosley. Then, with her pioneering spirit, Mrs. Fred Wehmeyer put Andrew Carruthers on the internet and moved the Chapter into the future.

The Chapter has continued to foster education, patriotism, and Americanism, for which the DAR was founded, and looks back with pride on the accomplishments of the ancestors of its members. This Chapter has continued to raise funds for charities, assisted in the Naturalization Ceremonies, performed grave-marking ceremonies honoring past members, recognized Good Citizen recipients, encouraged ROTC efforts, and has continued to support young adults through scholarship funds.

Remarkable youth, congeniality, and harmony have prevailed throughout the Chapter's existence. Regents have been Mrs. Winnie Murphy 1974-1975; Mrs. R. V. Miller 1975-1977; Mrs. John L. Wier 1977-1979; Mrs. Ira D. Stockebrand 1979-1981; Miss Jewel Hudler 1981-1983; Mrs. W. A. Morrison 1983-1985; Mrs. Preston Craig 1985-1987; Mrs. Louis Reake, Jr. 1987-1989; Mrs. John W. Reesing 1989-1991; Mrs. Jack C. Carmichael 1991-1993; Mrs. Jackson W. Bosley 1993-1995; Mrs. Alonzo M. Donnell, Jr. 1995-1997; Dr. Robin R. Alexander 1997-1999; Mrs. Fred Wehmeyer 1999-2001.



Carothers Dormitory located at the University of Texas in Austin. Opened in 1937 was named for Mrs. Neil Carothers.



Mary Smith Fay, first Texan elected as a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists

Ann Poage - Houston

Ann Poage Chapter was organized April 13, 1940, by Regina Higdon Sykes (Mrs. Ira D Sykes). The Chapter was specifically organized to meet at times convenient to Daughters working outside the home. Hence, the monthly meetings of the Chapter continue to be held on Saturday and membership in the Chapter has always included a large number of teachers and other professional women, as well as mothers with families. Anne Poage, for whom the Chapter was named, was a woman of great energy and self-reliance. Because of her active service in the Revolutionary War, Ann Poage is recognized as a Revolutionary Patriot. She is buried at Ft. Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Over the years, Ann Poage members have participated in the life of the community. The Chapter contributes annually to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and members visit the hospital at Christmas and during the year. The Chapter sponsors scholarships. One is given to an outstanding graduate nursing student at the University of Texas School of Nursing, and another is to be implemented for a student of history at a local university based on funds left to our Chapter by former regent, Mary Smith Fay (1916-2000). Mrs. Fay was also an Honorary Senior Texas State President of the C.A.R. She was a nationally recognized genealogist. who was elected as a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. Mrs. Fay was the genealogist *ad-litum* of record for the Howard Hughes probate court case.

The Captain John Smith Society of the C.A.R. was organized and has continued to be supported and sponsored by the Ann Poage Chapter. This Society has won the National Gold Merit Award, and for several years it was named the Most Outstanding C.A.R. Society in Texas.

The Chapter contibutes financially to DAR schools and projects sponsored by the TSDAR and NSDAR; it participates in Flag Day and Constitution Week activities, as well as Childrens' Naturalization Ceremonies. ROTC Bronze medals, as well as Good Citizen Medals, are given to worthy students.

Anne Pettus Shelburne - Rotan

Anne Pettus Shelburne Chapter of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in Rotan, Texas, June 9, 1972, in the home of Mrs. Whit Clark. Miss Delilah Baird was Organizing Regent. Mrs. R. E. Evans, Texas State Organizing Secretary, officiated and installed chapter officers.

Anne Pettus Shelburne, for whom the chapter was named, was born January 1, 1749, in Virginia. Anne was the daughter of Colonel Thomas Pettus, a member of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, and his wife, Amey Walker Pettus. Anne Pettus married the Reverend James Shelburne, a patriot minister of Lunenburg County. She died November 9, 1831, in Lunenburg County, Virginia.

Early members of the chapter who were descendents of Anne Pettus Shelburne were: Mrs. John Q. Adams, Miss Delilah Baird, Miss Josie Baird, Mrs. Lester Batteas, Miss Mary Anne Shelburne, Anne Pettus Shelburne of Lake Shore Drive, Asheville, N.C., and current member, Mrs. Bobby Gruben.

Past regents of the chapter include: Miss Delilah Baird (1972-1975); Mrs. Joe Clark (1975-1978); Mrs. Ruple Morrow (1978-1981); Mrs. Fehrlin Tutt (1981-1984); Mrs. Virgil Weems (1984-1987); Miss Josie Baird (1987-1990); Mrs. Rudy Hamric (1990-1993); Mrs. Norvelle Kennedy (1993-1995); Miss Bessie Cleveland (1995-1999); and Mrs. Bobby Gruben (1999-2001).

Chapter members are currently involved in a project to renovate and refurnish a vacant room at the Rotan Public Library. Books of local history written by Josie and Delilah Baird, as well as their personal genealogical reference collection will be placed in the room. The new DAR Historical Room will be a memorial to Josie and Delilah and a resource room to those who treasure the preservation of our nation's history.



Chapter organization: (standing L-R) Mrs. Robert D. Evans, Doris Thompson, Delilah Baird, Jimmie McCright, Fran LeBleu, Josie Baird; (seated middle) Cora Bostick, Lucy Heathington, Frances Batteas; (front) Vera Strayhorn, Patsy Hamric, LaVerne Kennedy, Joe Clark.

Anthony Smith Chapter - Lufkin

Organized December 2, 1948, by Mrs. G. T. Moughon, the Chapter was named after her ancestor. Anthony Smith was born March 15, 1752, in West Haven, Connecticut. He served four enlistments in the American Revolution and received a pension for his services. He died March 3, 1838, in West Haven. Miss Fannie Isbell Doolittle, born in Connecticut, was the first DAR member to have Anthony Smith for her ancestor. Her DAR number was 2523. There have been 12 members with Anthony Smith for an ancestor.

Chapter regents from 1975 to 2000 were: Mesdames C. H. Shepherd, Jr., 1974-1976; Paulene Barbay, 1976-1978; J. Fowler Burris, 1978-1979: Cassie S. Holmes, 1980-1982; Milton Hickman, 1982-1984; Clarence W. Alexander, 1984-1986; W. D. Thames, Jr., 1986-1988; Wiley D. Kirkland, 1988-1990; C. H. Shepherd, Jr., 1990-1992; James F. Stockman, 1992-1996; Janet D. Miller, 1996-1997; Winford Lee, 1998-2000; and James Moody, 2000-2004.

Annually the Chapter participates in Flag Day with the City of Lufkin. A picture with the Mayor proclaiming Constitution Day every September reminds the community of this celebration. In 1985, the Chapter celebrated the Texas Sesquicentennial. In 1986, it celebrated the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Tree planting, conservation, and recycling were its Regent's projects in 1992. Also that year, the Chapter had a 500-year Columbus Celebration.

The Chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary on December 5, 1998, with a luncheon. In 1998 and 1999, it raised funds for the World War II Memorial on the Mall in Washington D. C. and received a State award for its effort. The Chapter recognizes the elementary students who participate in the American History Essay Contest. The students read their essays to the Chapter at the spring meeting, where they are honored with the six area high school students chosen for the DAR Good Citizens. Certificates, pins and literature are given to the DAR Good Citizens, and their photo appears in the local newspaper. Magazines and lap robes are sent to the Veterans Hospital in Houston. Campbell soup labels are collected for the DAR schools. In 2000, the chapter started a very successful "Make Believe Tea" fundraiser, with proceeds going to Chapter projects.

"The basis of our political system is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government."

George Washington's Farewell Address, September 1796



GEORGE WASHINGTON



Twentieth Birthday Luncheon, 1992. L-R: Ellen Jones, Jane McSpadden, Regent, Ruth Wagner, Virginia Smoot

Arredondo Chapter - Amarillo

Arredondo Chapter received its charter on June 09, 1972, with 30 members. Jan Thornton Scott was Organizing Regent and Judith Hanner Upchurch was Organizing Vice Regent. The Chapter name honors General Joaquin De Arredondo, Chief Civil and Military Commandant of Texas. He approved a grant permitting Moses Austin to settle 300 families in Texas, thus beginning the founding of Anglo-American Texas.

From the beginning, Arredondo Chapter members have promoted the objectives of the National Society. DAR Good Citizen and Good Citizenship Medals have been presented. DAR Schools and the American Indian Committee have been supported. The Chapter sponsors the John Alden C.A.R. Society. Twenty-five, 30-, and 40-year certificates have been presented to members. Donations have been made to the Amarillo Library Genealogical Advisory Board as memorials for deceased members. Books and genealogy materials have been given the Amarillo Central Library Genealogy Department.

TSDAR Division I and Panhandle Chapter of NSSAR observe Constitution Week each year. The Chapter has displayed Constitution Week materials at libraries. Flag Day has been celebrated, and flags have been given to schools, libraries, Boy Scout troops, and the Ronald McDonald House. Trees have been donated and planted. Denise McCann Blanchard was presented the Outstanding Chapter Junior Award at the TSDAR Conference in March 1995. The chapter has participated in the Amarillo Tri-State Fair parades.

Olive Castleberry, Anna Beth Carlin, and Barbara Latham have been recognized for Outstanding Service to Veteran Patients. Barbara Latham was appointed as VAVS Representative for Division I. Anna Beth Carlin, Pattie Easterday, and Dorothy Thompson were appointed as VAVS Deputy Representatives. Barbara Latham was awarded the Outstanding VAVS member for TSDAR and NSDAR South Central Division 1996-1997. Members support the Amarillo Veterans Hospital by donating current magazines, saving "Stamps for the Wounded," and holding yard sales and bake sales to raise funds. Members have served at the Division, State and National levels. Arredondo Chapter member, Judith Hanner Upchurch, was installed as State Regent in 1988. In 2000, the chapter had 96 members proudly continuing to fulfill the objectives of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Asa Underwood Chapter - West Columbia

Since its inception in February 1942, the Asa Underwood Chapter has been a countywide Chapter with members from eight cities as well as outside Brazoria County. The years between 1975-2000 were productive ones. During this period, the sale of the Freeman Plantation, Texas DAR House in Jefferson, caused dissension among the hundred-plus members, and many left to create a new Chapter. The Chapter's Scholarship Fund, which bestowed the first winner with $150, grew to $500. Good Citizenship Awards are given winners from eight area high schools at the annual George Washington Tea in February. Members contributed clothing, shoes, books, magazines, toiletries, lap robes, and money each year to the VA hospital in Houston.

Chapter member Thelma Zeitler and her husband sponsored the 1987 dedication of a Texas State Historical Marker for the Brazos Canal, also known as the "slave ditch," because the canal was dug by the bondsmen of the owners. The canal was the first effort in the Galveston area to connect inland plantations to Gulf shipping ports. Five individuals were awarded the DAR Medal of Honor during this period, and the Chapter purchased a seat for Constitution Hall. More than 25 books or papers were donated, several written by Chapter members, to local libraries, museums, the Clayton Library in Houston, or the DAR Library. Member Doris F. Tielke promoted "Bells Across America" with the ringing of the bell at the replica of the first capitol of the Republic of Texas constructed in West Columbia in 1977.

Member Nancy Howard and her husband created the design for a historical county coverlet that by 1987 had raised over $3,000 to support the Chapter's scholarship fund. Nancy also has been a very active volunteer on a cemetery committee, through the Brazoria County Historical Museum. The Chapter's Yearbook continued to receive certificates for outstanding achievement. Within the last year of the last century the Chapter sent coupons to Hawaii to support the military families assigned to the U.S.S. Columbus SSN-762. Our Chapter will continue to work hard to support the ideals of NSDAR.



Brazoria County Historical Coverlet



Past and Present Chapter Regents of Atascosa Chapter

Atascosa - Pleasanton

Atascosa Chapter was organized on June 3, 1981, in Pleasanton, Texas. A meeting was called to select a name for the Chapter by Organizing Regent, Jimmie Ruth Eash. Jewel Climer and Thelma Quillian recommended a name that would be well suited not only for Pleasanton, but for the entire county; thus the new chapter, consisting of 17 members, became known as "Atascosa." Atascosa means "boggy" in Spanish, and was a name used to describe the area as early as 1788. Atascosa Chapter's organizing officers were installed by TSDAR State Regent, Jayne Brainard and TSDAR Organizing Secretary, Berenice Roberts. Installed as officers were: Jimmie Ruth Eash, Regent; Mary Isabella Williams, Vice Regent; Josephine Hefley, Recording Secretary; Chrysta Moore, Registrar; Bess Grayson, Treasurer; Thelma Quillian, Historian; Frances Smith, Librarian.

Atascosa Chapter has had two students place first in state-sponsored contests. In 2000, Cole Murphy was the 1st-place winner in the TSDAR Good Citizens Contest, and Amy Hindes placed 1st in the TSDAR American History Essay Contest, 7th grade. In the NSDAR American Heritage Contests, Camilla Mitchell placed 3rd in Art, and Mary Dowdy has placed 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention numerous times in Music. Atascosa Chapter has been a National winner over the years, consistently placing either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd as the Largest Innisbrook Wraps Sales Chapter.

Peggy Heinen, Camilla Mitchell, Chrysta Moore, and Mary Dowdy have served in various State Chairman and Vice Chairman positions. While Peggy Heinen served as Library State Chairman, Camilla Mitchell as Vice Chairman of Friends of the Library, a National 1st place for contributions to Friends of the Library was awarded to TSDAR.

Betty Shannon, Peggy Heinen, Camilla Mitchell, and Mary Dowdy have served as officers in the San Antonio Area Regents' Council.

"We Are One"

The Continental Dollar of 1776, designed by Benjamin Franklin





Mrs. Richard Jones, Mrs. Sterling Koester, Mrs. Milton Boswell, and Mrs. Ernest Walker, at Casis Elementary School, in 1976, giving the first George Washington portrait to the school.

Austin Colony - Austin

Austin Colony Chapter was organized April 22, 1952, at the home of Mrs. Kelly McAdams. Mrs. Paralee Parrish, the Organizing Regent, presided. The Chapter was named in honor of the colonists who came to Texas with Stephen F. Austin in the 1820s.

In 1976, Austin Colony planned and executed the City of Austin's Bicentennial Celebration under Regent Anne Boswell (Mrs. Milton). The celebration's highlight was a tribute to George Washington held on Sunday, February 22, 1976, in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol, Honorable Zollie C. Steakley, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, presiding. A Bicentennial display was created at the Old Bakery at 1006 Congress Avenue featuring memorabilia from the Revolutionary War Period, including Patrick Henry's portable writing desk.

In 1976, Austin Colony began the long-term project of presenting framed portraits of George Washington to area schools. It also began to award Army and Navy ROTC medals in the spring at The University of Texas at Austin. During 1975-2000, Austin Colony collected funds and items for the Veterans Hospital in Temple, the DAR Schools, and the DAR Indian Schools. It awarded Good Citizen and Good Citizenship awards to designated schools in Austin. It joined in with other area chapters and the SAR in celebrating Constitution Week and George Washington's Birthday with luncheons. It was a member of the the Capital Area Regents Council. In 1997, Regent Hessie Owen (Mrs. Jack) obtained a charter for the Chapter, listing the original organizing members. This charter passes from one Regent to the next. In 2000, the Chapter nominated Margaret Gillooly for the DAR Medal of Honor. Ms. Gillooly was a prisoner of war at Santo Tomas prison camp in the Philippines.

Regents for the period were Mrs. Milton M. Boswell (1975-1977), Mrs. Sterling F. Koester (1977-1979), Mrs. Wilma Colvin Ray (1979-1981); Mrs. Joseph P. Witherspoon (1981-1983), Mrs. Robert L. Anderson (1983-1985), Mrs. Edward N. Borkland (1985-1987), Mrs. Verne L. Conrad, Jr. (1987-1989), Mrs. Ardis Stockton Berry (1989-1991), Mrs. Alan P. Bloebaum (1991-1993), Mrs. Hugh L. McKinney (1993-1995), Mrs. Jack Edward Owen (1995-1997 and 1997-1999), and Ms. Martha Hartzog (1999-2001).

Balcones - Austin

In the patriotic enthusiasm prior to America's Bicentennial, Balcones Chapter NSDAR was organized October 17, 1975. Presiding was Eugenia Cameron Adams (Mrs. Leland R.), Organizing Regent, with 25 organizing members signing the charter. The name "Balcones" was selected in honor of the chapter location in the Central Texas Hill Country. The area is the geographic axis around which the State of Texas revolves and is dominated by the Edwards Plateau and the Balcones Escarpment.

The Chapter has been served by the following Regents: Mrs. Leland R. Adams (1975-1976); Mrs. Lynn B. Harding (1976-1978 and 1987-1988); Mrs. John Campbell Brandt (1978-1980); Mrs. Robert Dodd Lozo (1980-1982); Mrs. Daniel G. Pool (1982-1984); Mrs. Lemuel M. Rathbone (1984-1986); Mrs. James R. Buffaloe (1986-1987); Mrs. Franklin L. Wilson (1988-1992); Mrs. Robert C. McAnelly (1992-1994); Mrs. Warren B. Goodwin (1994-1996); Mrs. Lawrence O. Crain (1996-1998); Ms. Edna Ruth Sparks (1998-2000); and Dr. Marcia Hearon Lind, who began her two-year term in 2000. During Mrs. Harding's term, the Chapter established a "Touch and Feel Program" for children at the Texas State School for the Blind. During Mrs. Goodwin's term, the Chapter presented the DAR Medal of Honor to Colonel Potter. In 2000, Regent Lind organized the 25th anniversary celebration of the Balcones Chapter. The Chapter has presented two scholarships annually to high school seniors in the Austin Independent School District for $200 each. The Chapter annually presents the DAR ROTC medal to a deserving member of the Bowie High School Air Force JRROTC. The Chapter has been faithful in its service to Veterans.

At the state level of service, Mrs. Leland R. Adams was Texas State Historian 1976-78; Mrs. Lynn B. Harding served as Texas State Librarian from 1981-1983 and State Vice Regent from 1981-1983. Mrs. Harding also served NSDAR as National Vice Chairman of Programs, 1981-1983. The Chapter's website is a means of outreach to new members.



25th Anniversary Celebration: Regent Marcia Lind presents 25-year certificates to (L-R from Lind) Mary Margaret Willman, Catherine Day, Jane Harding, Ellen Doenges.



U.S. Constitution Week, 2000, on Courthouse Square with Denton Chapter 23, SAR, and Dorothy Bertine, Regent, Judy Weir, and Mary Jane Barnet

Benjamin Lyon - Denton

The Benjamin Lyon Chapter was organized November 17, 1928, by Miss Elizabeth Lyon. The Chapter honors the many members who have made the Chapter a success since its founding. Over the years, the Benjamin Lyon Chapter has continued activities previously established, such as supporting DAR schools, annual collection of gifts for veterans, and sponsoring the Joel Terrell Society, C.A.R. Since 1960, the Chapter has honored Denton County citizens in many ways: high school seniors receive the Good Citizen Award, cadets from local JROTC and ROTC programs have been awarded the National Defense DAR Medal, local essay contest winners have been recognized, and awards have been given for Community Service and Outstanding History Teacher.

Beginning in 1940, members have served as docents for the Texas DAR Museum at Denton, State Chairman for the museum, and for TSDAR scholarships to nursing majors at Texas Woman's University. In 1978, member Velda W. Newcomer compiled a booklet for her master's thesis featuring the gowns in the museum up until that time. The Chapter also awards scholarships to history majors at the University of North Texas.

On September 17, 1999, Mrs. Dorothy Bertine established the annual Constitution Reading commemorating the anniversary of its ratification. This Denton tradition involves DAR and SAR, local officials, law enforcement, Army Reserve units, and JROTC from Denton and surrounding counties.

Over the years, Chapter members have joined with SAR in Fourth of July parades, visited neighboring chapters for special celebrations, and placed grave markers. Many members have participated in State Conferences, Fall Forums and Continental Congresses.

Regents who served from 1974 through 2000 were: Mrs. Floyd Graham (1973-1976), Mrs. William Rosch (1976-1979), Mrs. Walter E. Parker (1979-1983), Miss Hazel A. Peterson (1983-1985), Mrs. Joe H. Bailey (1985-1988), Dr. Louise Alton (1988-1990), Mrs. John C. Page (1991-1992), Mrs. Nolan M. Roberts (1992-1994), Mrs. H.W. Vaughan (1994-1996), Mrs. Elton Green (1996-1997), Mrs. Gene Massengale (1997-1998), Dr. Mary Evelyn Huey (1998-1999), and Mrs. Dorothy Bertine (1999-2001).

"Pretty Betty Martin, tip-toe, tip-toe, pretty Betty Martin, tip-toe fine.... Never met a young man to suit her mind."

Betty Martin - Temple

The Betty Martin Chapter was organized by Mrs. Huling P. Robertson on April 6th, 1904. Betty Martin, Mrs. Robertson's grandmother, was the wife of Governor Richard Caswell of North Carolina. A belle of ante-Revolutionary War days, Betty Martin was the subject of a famous song: "Pretty Betty Martin, tip-toe, tip-toe, pretty Betty Martin, tip-toe fine . . . Never met a young man to suit her mind."

Past regents for 1975-2000 include Mrs. J. E. Wade (1973-1975); Mrs. H. N. Smith (1975-1977); Mrs. H. N. Smith (1975-1977); Mrs. John S. Hill (1977-1979); Mrs. Keifer Marshall, Jr. (1979-1981); Mrs. Lionel L. Campbell (1981-1983); Mrs. C. Afton Schulz (1983-1985); Mrs. Jamie Clements (1985-1989); Mrs. Jack Sayre Weinblatt (1989-1991); Mrs. Harlan Hilliard (1991-1995); Mrs. Harlan Morris Fuller (1995-1997); Mrs. William T. Cagnon, Jr. (1997-1999); Mrs. Jack Hiles (1999-2001).

As its Bicentennial project in 1976, the Chapter helped the new Railroad and Pioneer Museum in Temple sort, clean, and catalog more than 7,000 artifacts. In addition, Mrs. F. H. Daniel wrote a history of the Chapter, and Mrs. Edwin York compiled a history of Temple churches. As a result, the Chapter received a third place award from the Texas Society.

In 1978, Mr. Ernest Fletcher established a fund in perpetuity in honor of his mother, Mrs. Belle Fletcher (former Chapter regent), which has awarded an annual scholarship to an outstanding American History student from the Temple High School.

Church bells rang out all over the city on September 3, 1983, celebrating the Bicentennial of the Signing of the Treaty of Paris, our nation's 200th birthday! The Chapter presented a replica of the original flag flown from the flagpole the Chapter gave the city in 1929. It also planted a Peace rosebush on the municipal grounds and sponsored an essay contest in city schools. In 1985, the Chapter hosted the TSDAR Fall Workshop. It also placed a Texas-shaped monument on the municipal grounds to honor the Texas Sesquicentennial. In 1993, member Helen Keahy was recognized for her work at the Temple VA Hospital when she was awarded the Outstanding DAR VAVS Award.





Waverly Cemetery, whose grave markers the Brazos Valley Chapter recorded

Brazos Valley - Houston

From its inception, the Brazos Valley Chapter's motto has been "God, Home, and Country." Our emphasis has been on patriotism, serving our country, recognizing our veterans, and supporting our schools. Mary Rebecca Freeman was the Organizing Regent, and we were confirmed as a chapter on April 15, 1978. Miss Freeman served as Regent from 1978-1984. Chapter Regents serving thereafter were Mesdames Eli M. Hankins (1984-1986); Perry K. Phillips (1986-1988); E. Jerry Dietrich (1988-1990); Jimmie S. Harp (1990-1992); Thomas F. Williams, Jr. (1992-1994); Bernard J. Collins (1994-1996); Jimmie S. Harp (1996-1998); and Gary R. Dunham (1998-2000).

Through the years our activities have been many. The Chapter has provided refreshments and flags at ceremonies for those receiving their Naturalization Papers, in order to make the ritual even more special. We have recorded the grave markers at Old Waverly Cemetery in Walker County, which has graves dating from 1852. We have provided Christmas gifts for the children at Tamassee School, who had no homes to go to for the holidays. Compiling Genealogical Records, such as obituaries and Bible records to be given to Clayton Library and the National DAR Library in Washington, D. C. has been a rewarding activity. Collecting comfort items, reading material, and gifts for the veterans at the Houston Veterans Hospital and participating in the Christmas party for homeless veterans has also been a focus. We have collected soup labels to be turned in for school supplies at Tamassee, and more recently have collected books for the Tamassee school library. Every March we present our ROTC awards to outstanding ROTC students and present them with a check for $100. When we meet our flags are waving and we are proud to be members of the DAR.

Brigadier Gen. Edward Bulkley - Greenville

The Brigadier General Edward Bulkley Chapter was organized on May 6, 1989, by Mrs. Mary Virginia Williams Duck and Mrs. Mary Schull Powell, with 27 members. The following year, the Chapter began the tradition of recognizing a DAR Good Citizen from the schools in Hunt County. The same year, grave markers were placed on graves of members of the Thomas Wynne Chapter, an earlier DAR chapter in Greenville.

Members of the Chapter also located the Central National Road marker in Hunt County. This was an important road linking Clarksville to Austin in the days of the Republic. The Chapter celebrated the Columbus Quincentennial with an award winning program by Dr. James Conrad. In 1991, the Chapter began sponsorship of a C.A.R. Chapter that continued until a lack of available prospective members in the appropriate age group caused it to disband.

In 1997, members of the Chapter presented Oliver R. Kirby with the DAR Medal of Honor for his work in national defense. The same year, the Chapter presented a DAR Excellence in Community Service award. Every year since it was chartered the Chapter has participated in the Flag Day Ceremony at the Hunt County Courthouse in conjunction with the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, the Elks Club, and the Hunt County Commissioners Court. Regents have included Mrs. Ronald Greiner, Mrs. Howard B. Duck, Mrs. Gilbert R. Hess, III, Mrs. Wesley Martin, Mrs. Michael E. Taylor, Mrs. Robert Pettingell, and Mrs. Michael E. Taylor. As Organizing Regent, Mrs. Howard B. Duck was designated Honorary Regent.



Central National Road

The Central National Road of the Republic of Texas was planned by the Texas Congress, which, on February 5, 1844, established a five-man commission to select a right-of-way, see that it was cleared, and supervise the building of necessary bridges

from The Handbook of Texas.



The Floyd County Historical Museum and the Mary Lou Bollman Genealogical Library

Buffalo Grass - Floydada

The Buffalo Grass Chapter was organized on February 5, 1982. Ozena Norris was Organizing Regent. The Chapter was named for the "short grass" or buffalo grass that historically covered the region, nourishing immense herds of buffalo. The buffalo in turn were a source of food for Native Americans, for explorers such as Francisco Coronado in 1540, for the troops of Colonel S. R. MacKenzie, commander of the 4th U.S. Cavalry in the 1870s, and for later settlers. This gray-green grass is a fine leaved, native, sod-forming, perennial species that withstands prolonged heavy grazing and can survive through periods of drought. Buffalo grass is so nutritious that a herd of cattle can survive on less of it than other forages. Thus it was the buffalo grass that brought the cattle ranchers and settlers to this area. The settlers even used the grass to make their sod houses. It can truly be said that the "grass roots" of Floyd County were the roots of the buffalo grass.

Chapter meetings are held usually at the Lighthouse Electric Building in Floydada. The Chapter supports veterans in the VA Hospital in Amarillo with personal items, lap robes, and pyjamas. The Chapter always has a DAR Good Citizen contest among the schools in the area. It sponsored the Veterans Memorial in Floyd County. Each year, the Chapter hosts a genealogical workshop at the Floyd County Historical Museum.

Our Mary Lou Bollman Genealogical Library serves as the focal point at the Museum where people come to research Floyd County residents and other counties and states. We contribute books to the library, which now has well over 500 books. Every member helps potential members work on their papers and supplementals. We donated a flag for the Lockney Cemetery in 2000.

Past Regents have been Mrs. Euell Norris, Organizing Regent (1982-1983); Miss Mary Anne Swepston, Charter member (1984-1985); Mrs. Phil Dunavant, Charter member (1986-1987); Mrs. Myron G. Bethard (1988-1989); Mrs. Don Bybee (1990-1991 and 1992-1993); Mrs. Don Marble (1994-1995); Mrs. Arnold Hodges (1996-1997 and 1998-1999); and Mrs Tommy Sherman (2000-2001).

Captain Charles Croxall - Commerce

The Chapter was organized October 3, 1927. Captain Charles Croxall, for whom our Chapter is named, was one of the ancestors of our organizing Regent, Mrs. Lawrence P. Looney. He served with distinction in the American Revolution, seeing action in five battles: Tavern, Iron Hill, Cooche's Bridge, Brandywine, and Paoli. After Brandywine, he was elevated to the rank of Captain. In his last battle, Captain Croxall was wounded, taken prisoner, and then released from prison in 1791. He died November 6, 1831.

Regents from 1974-2000 were: Catherine O. Williams (1974-1978); Pauline Lowther Rogers (1978-1979); Linnie Atchley (1980-1986); Kathleen Mallard Rogers (1987-1990); Flora Blackburn Walker (1990-1992); Mary Allen Cregg (1992-1995); Juanita Mann Ridgell (1995-1997); Athrell Blackburn Dalton (1997-1999); and Carolyn Brown Burt (1999-2000).

The Chapter meets in the homes of members the third Saturday of each month, September through April. Our year begins by celebrating Constitution Week with a mayoral proclamation, radio spot, and ringing of bells. Assisted by local patriotic, civic, and religious organizations, the Chapter sponsors a Memorial Day service at Rosemound Cemetery to conclude our year.

The Chapter was represented at the 100th Continental Congress by Catherine Waddle. She later recounted her experience as a delegate to the Chapter as a program. Members have contributed histories to local community and family publications including, *From Tall Grass to High Cotton*, a book about the Wolfe City area communities. Yearly meetings include a coordinated function with the Fletcher Warren Chapter of the Texas State Sons of the American Revolution. Past programs were given by Rev. C. Rogers McLane and Lloyd D. Bockstruck.

Each year the Chapter makes several awards. A scholarship is given to a worthy high school student to help pursue his or her studies at Texas A&M Commerce. From 1946 to 1992, a ROTC unit was located at East Texas State University, now Texas A&M Commerce, and a gold medal was bestowed on an outstanding cadet.

Our Chapter is short on active members, but long on volunteers. Members donate their time to local hospitals, nursing homes, the library, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Abused Women, and many hours elsewhere.





The Captain David Philips Chapter

Captain David Philips - Sulphur Springs

The Captain David Philips Chapter was organized on October 13, 1972, Mrs. Kenneth Brice, Organizing Regent. The Chapter bears the name of a man of courage who stood for law and order in the face of unpopular causes. Captain Philips was born in southern Wales in 1742, the eldest of four sons born to Joseph and Mary Philips. He came with his family to America in 1755, settling in Chester County, Pennsylvania. All four brothers were active in organizing the Seventh Battalion of the Chester County Militia, and distinguished themselves by their bravery. David Philips served as Captain of Company 2.

After the war, David entered the ministry and moved to Washington County, Pennsylvania. He gave a portion of his land to the Peters Creek Baptist Church and served as its minister. As a county delegate to a convention in Pittsburgh, he presented an appeal that the much resented whiskey tax be removed. However, when rebellion against the tax developed, he publicly advocated maintenance of law and order and urged payment of the tax. For this he was met with cries of, "Shoot him! Shoot him!" His life was spared, however, and he lived until March 2, 1829. He is buried in the churchyard of the Peters Creek Church, where he had served for 42 years. A museum and a carillon have been erected there in his memory.

Thirty Charter Members met in 1972 with great hopes and vision for the new Chapter. Fifteen of these members have now passed away. Since its founding, the Chapter has conducted many activities, from participating in parades, to planting trees, to attending workshops, Fall Forum, and TSDAR State Conferences. Chapter programs have always been centered on education and have reflected our pride in our heritage as Americans.

The Chapter has been ably led by the following Regents: Mrs. Kenneth Brice, Organizing Regent; Mrs. L. F. Bridges, Jr.; Mrs. W. S. Long; Mrs. A. D. Nance; Mrs. Larry Harmon; Mrs. Frat Davis; Mrs. Ralph Vance; Mrs. Duval McCain; Mrs. Barnie Thompson; Mrs. Cannon Owen; Mrs. Clyde Browning; and Mrs. Jesse Pompa.



Captain Elisha Mack - Big Spring

The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter was organized on April 19, 1974, by Mrs. George W. Dawson. When the Chapter's year for charter membership was up, 31 members had been enrolled. Nine were still members in 2000.

To help celebrate the Bicentennial, members wore colonial costumes to add historic atmosphere to community events. Chapter members have always supported the local VA Medical Center. We have served as DAR VAVS representatives and deputy representatives, provided paper goods for the Haven House, planted trees on the VAMC grounds, supplied tray favors on patriotic holidays, participated in Memorial Day services, served refreshments on Veterans' Day, provided Christmas gift bags, and held the third floor Christmas party. Our outstanding Veteran-Patient nominees won both State and South Central Division awards in 1995, 1996, and 2000. Member Martha Cummings won State and South Central Division awards for Outstanding DAR VAVS Member in 2000.

In 1994, we won first place for most new Juniors in category 1 chapters. In 1999, we received a South Central Division honorable mention award for the most new members by applications for chapters with 26-50 members. The year 1999 was the first time that a Chapter member (Anne Witherspoon) was a page at State Conference. The chapter has always supported Constitution Week by having the mayor issue a proclamation, the local radio station make spot announcements, the school children and the city ring bells, and by joining other division chapters for a luncheon.

Numerous genealogy books have been donated to the county library as memorials for members and their families. The Chapter presented a Good Citizenship award every year. It held a tea in 1994 to celebrate its 20th Anniversary and another in 1999 to celebrate its Silver Anniversary. Although a small chapter, we have always done our best to promote DAR objectives and to support neighboring chapters by participating in their functions.

Chapter Regents from 1975 to 2000 were: Helen Dawson, Fran Riley, Jo Lipscombe, Margaret Barnett, Fern Alexander, Sue Ann Damron, Charlene Driver, Sherri Key, June Reid, Martha Cummings, Carole Lawson, Sara Tipton, and Lora Mae Pollard.



Members with Bicentennial afghan made by Letha Duke



First five regents: (1) Nona Phillips, (2) Patricia Marburger, (3) Patrice Schexnayder, (4) Patricia Mueller Walichowski, (4) Freida Hazelton Holden

Capt. Gilbreth Falls-Absolom Hooper - Friendswood

The Captain Gilbreth Falls-Absolom Hooper Chapter of Friendswood was organized April 15, 1989. Organizing Regent Nona Bennett Phillips and Organizing Registrar Eddie Scott Simmons gave their ancestors' names to the Chapter.

Capt. Gilbreth Falls of North Carolina was Sheriff of Rowan County when he died at Ramsours Mills. His fourteen-year-old son, who was riding with him, drew his father's sword and killed the man who had slain his father. The sword hangs in the Rowan County Museum, Salisbury, N. C. Absolom Hooper of Beaufort County, South Carolina, enlisted as a private at age 12 in 1776 and served seven years. He served under General Pickens, and was a prisoner in both South Carolina and Georgia.

Charter members, in addition to Nona Phillips and Eddie Simmons, were Jeannette Kirtley Brooks, Lacy Lou Pedigo Bryant, Frances Marable Caudill, Clara Walzem Clay, Carol Cowen Covington, Madonna Easterling Crame, Florence Swing Hayes, Fannie Vann Heffron, Tommye Houston Hightower, Jane Kelly-Olson, Shelia Kirkland, Brucelle Kirtley, Sylvia Pasley Lofton, LaRee Manning-Scott, Frances White McAnally, Patsy Connor McCullen, Marilyn Jannasch Mistrot, Margaret Morgan, Patrice McCullen Schexnayder, Susan Curby Spencer, and Allene Givens Walker

Chapter officers were installed at the University of Houston, Clear Lake on May 21, 1989. On the campus a tree was planted, and near it a Time Capsule, which held Chapter memorabilia and contemporary items, was buried. Regents serving the Chapter were Nona Phillips (1989-91), Patricia Marburger (1991-93), Patrice Schexnayder (1993-95), Patricia Mueller Walichowski (1995-97), and Freida Hazelton Holden (1997-2001).

The Chapter is especially committed to youth, veterans, and conservation. Awards given have included Good Citizen, Medal of Honor, Outstanding Veteran Service, Conservation, American History Teacher, and Community Service. Generous financial support has gone to American Indians, youth scholarships, and DAR schools. Projects especially remembered include an Austin Colony Commemoration Ceremony and Tree Planting at Carden-Jackson School in Pearland, and field trips to the San Jacinto Monument and Battlegrounds, the new Houston Veterans Administration Hospital, and several museums. Holiday events have included journeys to the Alley Theatre and Wortham Center in Houston, and to restaurants in Kemah and on Galveston Island.

Captain Jabez Deming - Brenham

The Captain Jabez Deming Chapter was organized November 4, 1916, by Mrs. Heber Stone. It was named for Mrs. Stone's Revolutionary ancestor, who served with the Continental Army. Former Regents of the Chapter for 1975-2000 include Dr. Bea Stinnet; Mrs. Lula Bishop; Mrs. Audrey Suter; Mrs. Dorothy Hild; Dr. Bobbie Dietrich (two terms); Dr. Ruth Ashe; Mrs. Elisabeth Gooch; Mrs. Sudie Stark; Mrs. Susan Schwartz; Mrs. H. F. Poehlmann; Mrs. Carolyn Marble.

Daughter Miriam York, an educator of 40 years from Giddings and generous scholarship donor to several Texas institutions of higher learning and the Tamassee DAR School, recalls that a $500 scholarship for students was established by Daughter Bula Dobert. Mrs. York has published an historical account of Lee County which was founded by her husband's family. Dr. Bobbie Dietrich, an educator with the Department of Defense for 11 years and Blinn College for 29 years, published an article in the November 1997 issue of the *DAR Magazine* entitled, "Claude Phillipe de Richebourge: A Sense of Noblesse Oblige." Richebourge was a Huguenot who sought religious freedom in Jamestown, Virginia in 1700. The Good Citizenship award was given each year she served, with her and her husband, Wilfred, giving scholarships to the winners.

On September 20, 1987, to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Constitution, the Chapter participated in the TSDAR "Liberty Tree" planting at Washington-On-the-Brazos State Park. On July 4, 1988, a C.A.R. Society was formed with charter members from the Betts, Dippel, Holloway, Neal, Reynolds, Rigney, and Schaer families. In conjunction with the Chappell Hill Masonic Cemetery, where William B. Travis is buried, the Chapter sponsored a 1989 fund-raiser for the migratory bluebirds that favor Washington County. On February 2, 1995, the chapter sponsored "American History Month" by proclamation of Brenham Mayor Walter Schwartz. Awards to area children for an essay contest were given. Through the efforts of Sudie Stark, the original location of the old Nashville Park, dedicated in 1936, was established. Mrs. Stark became State Chairman of the Centennial Park project in 1994. Regent Ann McGraw represented the Chapter as Delegate, National Vice Chairman, State Chairman NSDAR, Resolutions Committee NSDAR, and TSDAR Resolutions Chairman. TSDAR recognized the Chapter in 1996 for its generous support of DAR programs.



In 1990, Captain Jabez Deming, along with La Villita Chapter and Brazos de Dios C.A.R. Society rededicated the DAR marker that accompanies this Revolutionary soldier's gravestone in the Old Independence Cemetery.



Chapter members at Camino Real Marker #76, located on Hays Co. Road 266 (Old Bastrop Road)

Captain James Jack - New Braunfels

The Captain James Jack Chapter was organized October 13, 1979. The Organizing Regent was Nancy Steel David. Captain James Jack played an important role in our nation's struggle for independence. With resentment and tension running high in the colonies in May 1775, the delegates of Mecklenburg County met and passed unanimously the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Captain Jack, a brave, intelligent and determined patriot, was commissioned to carry this important document to Philadelphia, where the Continental Congress was then in session.

When told by the North Carolina representatives that they did not think Congress was ready to act upon "absolute independence," his reply was, "Gentlemen, you may debate here about reconciliation and memorialize your king, but bear in mind Mecklenburg owes no allegiance to, and is separated from the crown of Great Britain forever." On the first call for troops, Captain Jack entered the service in command of a troop and remained through the war.

Showing the same zeal and patriotic spirit, descendants of Captain Jack came to Texas in 1831. After taking an active part in gaining independence for Texas, they distinguished themselves as Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Texas, Secretary of State, and as Representatives and Senators.

Since its founding, the Chapter was been an active one, participating in many parades, historical events, and educational programs.

The following Regents have served: Nancy Steele David (1979-1982); Nancy Parker Krueger (1982-1984); Joyce Word Borchers (1984-1986); Ruth Sargent Hubbard (1986-1988); Natallie McIntire Shackleford (1988-1990); Delitha Acker Guenzel (1990-1992); Peggy Harper Edwards (1992-1994); Mary Frances Hartley Colson (1994-1996); Mary Howe Burnett Warren (1996-1998); Marjorie Lee Hoote Justiss (1998-2000); Wanda Myrle Coffman Perry (2000-2002).

Captain John McAdams - Madisonville

The Captain John McAdams Chapter was organized in 1971 with 64 charter members. The Chapter has undertaken several projects to further historic participation. Inventory of all cemeteries in Madison County and the collection and copying of Bible records, marriage and death records, wills, and old documents for inclusion in the County Library Genealogical Department have assured access for everyone.

Since its inception, the Chapter has endeavored to stress patriotism. Each year, it has honored Veterans of all service branches and ages to express appreciation for their valor, bravery, and sacrifices. American Flags are displayed on all patriotic days around the courthouse square. A roll call is conducted for the veterans or their family members to answer. Programs have been presented to schools with local veterans participating. The Chapter is taking an active role in recording WWII veterans for the Veterans Memorial Project. The Chapter participated in Bells Across America during Constitution Week, and sponsored a county-wide Bicentennial Fair with exhibits of items inspired by the colonial spirit of 1776. Programs based on the Signers of the Declaration of Independence were presented to the High School government classes. In conjunction with the local school officials, the Chapter presented high school diplomas to 22 men who had left school before graduation to volunteer for service in WWII. Collection of small toiletry items have been sent to Veterans' Hospitals at various times.

The Chapter planted a Stephen F. Austin oak tree at the Madisonville Intermediate School.

The Chapter sponsored a beautification project by planting 100 pine seedlings at the Lake Madison Recreation Park. In 1977, members attended the dedication of the McAdams Bicentennial Chapel and toured the historic cemetery, pavilion, picnic grounds, and custodian cottage. The Chapter also helped sponsor the planting of an oak tree at the Madisonville Intermediate School. The tree was grown from acorns located on the property where Stephen F. Austin died. Chapter members designed a historical throw based on Madison County events. The throws increased historical awareness and were sold in the community. A large donation was made to the Historical Commission for the establishment of the Madison County Museum. There are nine original charter members who are still active in the Chapter.



Captain Nathaniel Mills - Hurst

The Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter was founded on November 15, 1962, by Organizing Regent, Mrs. Martin D. Wolfe, who named the chapter in honor of her patriot ancestor. Mrs. Bernice Elliott was one of twelve founding members and was still attending Chapter Meetings in 2000 when membership had grown to more than 60 members.

Serving as regents during the period were Mrs. Martin D. Wolfe (1975-1976); Mrs. O. E. Schrickel (1976-1978); Mrs. E. C. Whatley (1978-1980); Mrs. James A. Cushman (1980-1984); Mrs. Chester M. Paris (1984-1985); Mrs. Wayne R. Rollins (1985-1986); Mrs. Ralph R. Moore (1986-1988); Mrs. R. J. Parker (1988-1990); Mrs. Billy L. Smith (1990-1992); Mrs. Marion E. Owens (1992-1996); Mrs. Edward Hark, Jr. (1996-1998); Mrs. David R. Wells (1998-2000); Mrs. Don Worsham (2000-2002).

Members live in the Mid-Cities communities of Hurst, Euless, Bedford, Colleyville, Grapevine, Southlake, Keller, Arlington, North Richland Hills, Saginaw, Trophy Club, Haltom City, Lewisville, Murchison, and Fort Worth.

Service to Veterans has been our Chapter's strength. Past Regent, Jodelle Owens, recalls members visiting the transitional care facility at the Dallas VA Hospital in December 1994. Fifteen feet of submarine sandwiches were served for lunch. HODAR Ed Hark donated 50 red and green caps. On September 22, 1999, Kathy and David Wells, Cathy and Ed Hark, and Carmen Dorey accompanied 13 veterans to a Rangers Baseball Game for Veterans' Night. Veterans were treated to homemade cookies and spice bars, plus loads of special attention. On many occasions, members collected and donated clothing and toiletries to the Presbyterian Homeless Shelter and the Women's Haven in Fort Worth.

Over the years, there have been a variety of fundraisers. In February 1986, a quilt raffle raised $196. In 1987, members sold cookbooks. In 1991, a member made needlepoint name tags. There have been a number of successful October garage sales.

Members have volunteered countless hours to literacy projects. On numerous occasions, members have congratulated new citizens at Naturalization Ceremonies in Fort Worth. Bookmarks and pencils were presented to commemorate the occasion. In 1992, the Chapter planted an oak tree at a Hurst Fire Station.



1997 Constitution Luncheon in Fort Worth



Chapter presentation of 4-volume set of Revolutionary War Veterans to Upshur County Library, Feb 12, 1999

Captain Thomas R. Black - Gilmer

The Captain Thomas R. Black Chapter was organized January 5, 1958, by Mrs. Tom Kouba. The honor of establishing the Chapter in Gilmer goes back to Mrs. Jack Hogg, whose maiden name was Black. The chapter was named in honor of Mrs. Hogg's DAR ancestor.

The following lists Chapter Regents and selected activities. Mrs. Virginia Carroll served as Regent from 1975-1976. Mrs. Jack Mullican and Mrs. Jean Darnell served as Regents 1977-1978. Mrs. Jim Darnell served as Regent 1979-1980. The Chapter gave eyeglasses and clothing to an American Indian school in South Carolina.

Mrs. R. A. Woodall served as Regent 1981-1982. Mrs. Jim Wright served as Regent 1983-1984. A donation was given to the Upshur County Library for microfilm and marriage records. Mrs. Raymond Mullican served as Regent 1985-1986. During her term, a memorial was given to Mrs. Ruth Hogg for the honor of establishing the Chapter. Our Chapter also received an "Honorable Mention" from NSDAR for our donation to help in the restoration of Miss Liberty.

When Mrs. James H. White served as Regent, 1987-1988, the education of our town was the main topic. Mrs. J. D. Carroll served as Regent 1989-1992. A scholarship in nursing was given to Carrie Nelms. Mrs. Russell Woodall served as Regent 1992-1993. Mrs. Morris Efurd served as Regent in 1994, and a delightful report was given on the Cherokee Trace and Camp Ford in Tyler. The sum of $130 was donated to the Historic Upshur Museum.

Mrs. Sarah Mullican was Regent 1995-1996, and the Chapter received four Certificates of Merit. Mrs. Robert Simmons was Regent 1997-1998. In 1997, Michael Marshall, Casey Phillips, and Chris Darnell were awarded DAR Good Citizenship Pins. We also had the pleasure of seeing some of Thacker Cole's paintings and heard her life story.

Mrs. Robert Simmons and Mrs. Newman Robertson served as Regents from 1998-1999. On February 12, 1999, the Chapter presented a four-volume set listing Revolutionary War Veterans to the Upshur County Library. The Chapter received 11 Certificates of Merit. In 2000, Mrs. Newman Robertson served as Regent, and the Chapter received three Certificates of Merit.



1936 Texas Centennial Marker, now vandalized, marking the site of the first town of San Marcos de Neve

Captain Thomas Moore - San Marcos

The Captain Thomas Moore Chapter was organized May 2, 1923, in San Marcos by Mrs. Renick Frazier Ansell. The Chapter was named for Mrs. Ansell's ancestor. Captain Thomas Moore was born in 1755 and died in 1835. His wife was Mary Elizabeth Harberson. Thomas was the son of Simeon Moore who emigrated from South Carolina to Mercer County, Kentucky, in 1776, with Daniel Boone's colonists. Thomas and his father were with General George Clark in the Northwest Campaign. Thomas Moore served as a Captain in the Virginia Militia.

During 1975-2000, the Chapter participated in many activities. It presented a U. S. Flag to the Girl Scouts. A family history was given to the NSDAR Library. The Chapter presented ROTC medals. Members work with the local Heritage Association. Additions were made by the Chapter to San Marcos Library's historical and genealogical sections. The Chapter held a quilting workshop and planted a tree for Arbor Day.

San Marcos and Hays County are steeped in history, having several Camino Real markers and Texas State historical markers, some of which have been vandalized. Notable residents included Captain John Coffee (Jack) Hays, a famous Texas Ranger, and General Edward Burleson who was prominent during the Texas Revolution. We are proud to have had several of our members serve on the Hays County Historical Commission. We continue to promote the objectives of our National Society.

Chapter Regents for 1975-2000 include Mrs. Bryan Baldridge (1974-1975); Mrs. Jack David Hearn (1975-1977); Miss Martha Baker (1977-1979); Mrs. J. Wendell Brown, Jr. (1979-1981); Mrs. Francis M. Rich, Jr. (1981-1984); Mrs. Ross D. Compton (1984-1987); Mrs. Joseph W. Dollahite (1987-1990); Mrs. Ross D. Compton (1990-1992); Mrs. Charles E. Wiegand (1992-1994); Ms. Dorothy Kerbow (1994-1995); Mrs. Joseph W. Dollahite (1995-1997); Mrs. Francis M. Rich, Jr. (1997-1999); and Ms. Larri Sue Brown Hampton (1999-2001).

Captain William Buckner - Coleman

The Captain William Buckner Chapter was organized with 20 charter members May 15, 1917, by Mrs. J. Tom Padgitt. Mrs. Padgitt served for two terms as Chapter Regent and also as a State Officer. She attended the State Conference and Continental Congress. She died in 1947. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. James (Lillian Maverick) Padgitt and granddaughter, Jane Padgitt, are current members of the Chapter. Jane resides on the family ranch in southern Coleman County.

In 1978, the membership was comprised of 50 members. Three were charter members. The last surviving charter member, Mrs. J. S. (Louise Dibrell) Weatherred, died in 1986. She twice served as Regent. Her three daughters are DAR members. In 1986, the Chapter presented *Coleman County and Its People*, a two-volume set, to the NSDAR Library. In 1989, the three-volume set of *Coleman County Cemetery Inscriptions* was presented to the NSDAR Library. A current member, Mrs. James Terry (Carol Wilson) Scott, is the granddaughter of a charter member, Mrs. H. B. (Carrie Mae Dibrell) Wilson, who served as a Regent. The Scott family own and operate her grandparents' farm.

Nine members have served as Chapter Regents during the 1975-2000 period. Two sisters, Mrs. J. C. (Lenora Sykes) Wilkerson and Mrs. R. B. (Mary Margaret Sykes) Leathers, died while serving as Regents. During Mrs. Wilkerson's term, 1987-1992, the Chapter received a Gold Star Award in recognition of Chapter reports. She attended the 90th Annual State Conference in 1989 in El Paso. Mrs. Don (Neille Close) Starnes served as Regent 1981-1983 and 1992-1993. Mrs. Hugh B. (Doris Beeler) Williams served as Regent 1993-1996.

Captain William Buckner Chapter has always honored Coleman County High School students with DAR Good Citizenship Awards. Programs have been patriotic, historical and educational. Chapter reports have been submitted in a timely manner. In 1980 the membership was 52; in 1990 it was 59; in 2000 it was 40.



"It is not in the still calm of life, or in the repose of a pacific station, that great challenges are formed.... Great necessities call out great virtues."

Abigail Adams to John Adams, January 1780



Betty Brownlee, Regent, and Sissy Wood, Past Regent

Captain William Sanders - Port Arthur

The Captain William Sanders Chapter was organized October 7, 1937, by Mrs. Carl White. In 1975, Mrs. F. E. McGlothen was Regent of the Captain William Sanders Chapter. At age 82, she had been a member for 45 years, along with Mary Edith Culp Hill and Mrs. Pat H. Wood, Jr.

Past regents from 1975 to 2000 include: Mesdames E. J. Baron, Jr., W. F. Fredemen, Sr., S. G. Carruth, R. R. Beavens, Crockett Neel, Pat H. Wood, Jr., Ben Morris Hurst, Jr., Jane Allis Sladczyk, Normareen Buvens Smith, Joyce Webb Loukas, Margaret Cotham and Zuetta Kelly Pinkston.

In 1987, Mrs. Stella White, Organizing Regent, willed White Haven, her Greek revival home, and its Victorian furnishings to the Chapter on the occasion of her death. The house and grounds were refurbished and renovated under the leadership of Mrs. Pat H. Wood, Jr. A Texas Historical marker was bestowed in 1988. Financing for the project came from a $280,000 bequest by Charles and Ella Atwell, a City grant, and contributions from the entire community. Mrs. Atwell was a charter member. Carl and Stella White also left a half million dollars for a scholarship fund. It was invested, and the interest has generated about $20,000 in scholarships each year since 1988.The money is in trusteeship administered by Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation and Lamar State College. An annual reception is given each May to honor recipients.

The Chapter has recognized four outstanding history teachers over the years. Medals of Honor have been bestowed upon A. A. De Lee, local attorney, 1978; Judge Joe J. Fisher, 1979; and Dr. Sam Monroe, Dean of Lamar College,1980. The Chapter house, White Haven, was turned over to Lamar State College in 1999, with the Chapter retaining access for monthly meetings. The Chapter did sponsor the Captain Alexander Irwin Society, C.A.R., for many years. We have continued with Constitution Day luncheons and Constitutional displays in the Port Arthur Public Library; donated genealogy books to the library in memory of deceased members; and conducted yearly beginners genealogy workshops. The Chapter maintains at around 50 members.

Cedar Hill - Cedar Hill

Organized on October 12, 1991, the Cedar Hill Chapter in Cedar Hill was formed at the request of State officers who wanted another Dallas-area chapter that offered weeknight meetings. Mrs. John K. Harrell (Barbara) was State Regent and Mrs. Travis T. Sheffield (Ella) was State Organizing Secretary. We were one of the last chapters organized during NSDAR's centennial year, observed when Mrs. Eldred M. Yochim was President General. The name Cedar Hill is based on a geographic feature. Settlers crossing the North Texas prairie saw a large hill covered with cedar trees rising from the prairie. The community that was founded on this hill was called Cedar Hill and is one of the oldest in Dallas County.

From the beginning, the majority of our members have worked outside the home. Cedar Hill Chapter recognizes the value of our members' time, so has focused on interesting programs and speakers. We support children, Juniors, DAR schools and veterans. Items are regularly collected for the VA hospital and labels for the DAR schools. Every year we sell Innisbrook products, which benefit the Juniors and DAR schools. We have sponsored award-winning JAC essays and contest entries, and one member's son has been active in C.A.R.

Our members truly enjoy each other and cherish the friendships they have made.

Cedar Hill Chapter is represented every year at Fall Forum and State Conference, where members have served as pages; members have also attended and worked at Continental Congress. In addition, members have served as State Chairmen and Vice Chairmen, plus one national level appointment. Over the years, we have held joint meetings with the Pleasant Run Chapter of Lancaster. The 1992 Texas Outstanding Junior and South Central Division Outstanding Junior was Allison Pless, Organizing Regent of the Chapter.

We have had two Chapter Regents: Allison Pless served 1991-1996 and Alice Gibson Cox served 1996-2000. Our members truly enjoy each other and cherish the friendships they have made. As this book moves toward publication in 2006, the Cedar Hill Chapter looks forward to celebrating its 15th anniversary.

The Texas First Ladies Historic Costume Collection at Texas Woman's University, Denton

The collection is more than a chronology of fashion. It commemorates the struggles and successes of these notable women. Progressing from the 1800s through industrialization of the 1900s, amid the uncertainty of global war and the inspiration of social progress in this nation, the First Ladies of Texas have become icons of grace and compassion. Most dresses come from local Texas chapters of Daughters of the American Revolution or directly from the Texas First Ladies.

Abstracted from TWU Information

Cherokee Trace - Gladewater

Cherokee Trace Chapter was organized December 3, 1976, by Mrs. Leroy Howard Daniel, Regent, with 15 organizing members and 16 charter members. The Chapter was named for an important road established about 1820 by the Cherokee Indians, which passed quite near Gladewater. The Cherokee Trace was used both by Indians and by early settlers of the region. Chapter members have proudly served TSDAR. Mrs. Robert Benjamin Oder was State Curator from 1982-1985 and State Historian from 1985-1988. Mrs. Oder, Mrs. M. Vaughan Jackson, and Mrs. Roy Bill Roddy have each held several State chairmanships and vice chairmanships.

Constitution Week has always been celebrated by either a tea or luncheon. Some years Cherokee Trace joins other area chapters for memorable luncheons. The Chapter received mayoral proclamations, placed announcements in local church bulletins and newspapers, and distributed posters to area schools pertaining to Constitution Week.

The Maurine Day Scholarship was established in 1980 and has been presented each year to a student from one of two local schools. For many years it was funded by selling "voices" for the handmade quilt created by Chapter members. Recently, it has been funded by other projects. Cherokee Trace has actively supported TSDAR Juniors. For a number of years a "Junior Shower" was held prior to Fall Forum. Items donated for the Junior Bazaar frequently included a doll made by Mrs. Oder.

Members have presented programs on American Heritage and the American Flag and given American Flags to local schools. Students from two local schools participate in the DAR Good Citizen Contest. In January, the winning students read their essays at the Chapter meeting, and each receives a pin, certificate, and scholarship. Cherokee Trace has also supported DAR schools and VA hospitals.

Regents for 1976-2000 include: Mrs. Howard L. Daniel, Organizing Regent (1976-1978); Mrs. Robert B. Oder (1978-1980); Mrs. Mildred Wood Barker (1980-1982); Mrs. John W. Osteen (1982-1984); Mrs. Gordon Mayer, (1984-1986); Mrs. Robert S. Daniel (1986-1988); Mrs. Clyde C. Crawford (1988-1990); Mrs. Bill Roddy (1990-1992); Mrs. Robert Goodwin (1992-1994); Mrs. Wilson Godfrey (1994-1996); Mrs. Edger R. Molina (1996-1998); Mrs. Glenn D. Shipp (1998-2000). Mrs. Vaughan Jackson (2000-2002).



One of many beautiful dolls made by Louise Oder to support TSDAR.



Clearfork Chapter Members

Clearfork - Lockhart

On Independence Day of our Bicentennial year— July 4, 1976— thirteen descendants of the Revolutionary War hero, Captain Robert Ellison, met in the Caldwell County Courthouse to organize a DAR chapter. It was chartered with 12 members on October 15, 1976. Edith Ellison Schanhals was the Organizing Regent.

Clearfork was chosen for the name because several sons of Captain Robert Ellison settled in Caldwell County in the mid-1800s and made their homes on Clearfork Creek. They founded Clearfork Baptist Church, still today an active church. Clearfork Cemetery behind the church is the final resting place of many Ellison descendants. Because at the time of its founding the Chapter was composed of Ellison descendants, the name Clearfork was deemed appropriate.

Our regents have a unique history. Four sisters (great granddaughters of Capt. Robert Ellison) served as Regents early in our Chapter history. They are Edith Ellison Schanhals, Jean Ellison Efird, Mary Ellison Harris, and Ruth Ellison Watson. We have had a mother and daughter in the leadership position. Jean Efird and her daughter, Rose Efird Smith, were Regents, two years apart. Other Ellison descendants who have been Regents are Patricia Fogle Crisler, Edie Salge Schumann, Ramona Hall Mosley, and Carolyn Ellison King. Rounding out our 25 years of Regents are Juanita Willy Moreland and Helen Herbert Nelson.

Clearfork Chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary in 1986, and its 20th anniversary in 1996. We have marked the graves of deceased members, Lucille Jean Ellison Efird, Helen Avis Hill Beasley, Minnette Clark Moore, Jennie Ruth Ellison Watson, Janet Naomi Lipscomb Alexander, and Rose Marie Efird Smith. Our members remain committed to promoting education, preserving history and encouraging patriotism. We have presented DAR American History, DAR Good Citizens, and DAR JROTC awards to area students. We held special observances to honor the Flag, the Constitution of the United States and Presidents Day each year. We participated in the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of George Washington's death. And, always, we honor our ancestors who sacrificed their lives and fortunes so that we may enjoy and preserve freedom today.

Colonel George Dashiell - Normangee

Colonel George Dashiell Chapter was organized June 9, 1980, in Marquez, with 14 members, by Mrs. Joyce Dashiell Petty, a descendant of the Chapter's namesake. Colonel Dashiell was a prominent soldier of Somerset County, Maryland.

The Chapter consistently recognized American History Essay Contest and Good Citizen Contest winners with certificates, medals, pins, and often scholarships. Constitution Week was celebrated with Bell-Ringing Ceremonies, City Proclamations, and luncheons. Pre-schoolers or elementary students often helped ring the bells. The 1988 luncheon celebrated the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

Many Chapter winners have won at the State Conference level; the Chapter won a 1982 DAR Membership Commission First Place Award; in 1999, its Good Citizen winner won first place at TSDAR; and its 1999 Community Service Nominee won first place at the state level for establishing a public library in Normangee. The Chapter has been loyal in its support of the Normangee Library, annually contributing many books, including the DAR Patriot Indexes. The Chapter was recognized at the 1989 Continental Congress with a first place Print Media award.

Many years the Chapter held a George Washington Tea, when American History and Good Citizen Contest Winners were recognized and honored. Genealogical workshops were held to good result. The Chapter gave JAC cards and pins to students K-2.

U.S. Flags were presented to schools, the Public Library, businesses, City Hall, and the VFW, and students recognized for saying the Pledge of Allegiance each morning at school. The Chapter location was changed to Normangee in 1998. Because members live near the Old San Antonio Road (OSR), there were many historical programs on this topic. In 1991 and 1992, members rededicated OSR Markers. Members copied personal and county records, which have been compiled, bound, and submitted to NSDAR and other libraries. The 20th year of this chapter shows a membership of 45.

The following have served as Chapter Regents: Mrs. Alfred Petty (Joyce) 1980-83; Mrs. Claude Roberts (LulaWayne) 1983-1985; Mrs. Sherman Reed (Thelma) 1985-1989; Mrs. Forrest Andrews (Faye)1989-1993; Mrs. Stanley Brooks (Neva Jo) 1993-1995; Mrs. Charles Leonard (Evelyn) 1995-1997; Mrs. Hollis Atkinson (Virginia) 1997-1999; Mrs. Ray Roberts (Peggy) 1999-2001.



Current Active members hosting Division IV workshop.



Past Regent Gwen Tauzin with the Bicentennial Quilt

Colonel George Mason - Garland

On February 15, 1976, when Mrs. Eugene B. Gamble was Regent, the Garland Daily News published a photograph of Mrs. Nat Jensen, Bicentennial Chairman of the Colonel George Mason Chapter, showing a drawing of the Chapter's proposed quilt. The full-page article explained that each member will design a red, white and blue square which will have embroidered on it her name, plus her Revolutionary ancestor's name and colony. This quilt was completed in 1979 and now hangs in the Garland Women's Activities Building.

In addition to Mrs. Jensen, members who served as Regent were Mesdames Eugene A. Tauzin, William G. Menefee, Jo Wallace Jack, R. L. Poffenberger, James Ray Gilmer, Leon Mobley, Charles R. Anderson, Gregory C. Maddux, Malcolm B. Bennett, and John Michael Power.

Over the years, the Chapter has joined other area chapters in decorating at the VA Hospital for Christmas. We also take part in other area DAR functions such as a Constitution Week Brunch. On March 10, 1987, Regent June Gilmer presented the DAR Medal of Honor to Sue Watkins, reporter for the Garland Daily News. On August 18, 2000, Regent Jane Power gave the DAR Medal of Honor to Sam Johnson. In 1981, the Isaac Freese Society, C.A.R., was chartered. In 1990, Mrs. Leon Mobley (Chapter Regent 1987-1989) served as Organizing Regent of Peter's Colony Chapter and helped to reactivate Isaac Freese Society, C.A.R. When Mrs. Malcolm B. Bennett was Regent, a luncheon was held on April 8, 1995 to celebrate the Chapter's 40th Anniversary. In May 1997, Regent Ginger Poffenberger was presented an Honorary Regent pin by the Chapter. In 2000, we honored Regent Jane Power with our second Honorary Regent pin. On August 12, 2000 Colonel George Mason Chapter and Peter's Colony Chapter gave a Revolutionary Workshop. Lloyd Bockstruk, Supervisor of the Genealogy Collection at the Dallas Public Library was the guest speaker. The Colonel George Mason Chapter continues its many educational, patriotic, and service programs.

Colonel George Moffett - Beaumont

The Colonel George Moffett Chapter was chartered March 15, 1906, as Chapter 700, with 15 charter members. Miss Aurelia McCue of Stoventon, Virginia, had come to Beaumont as the bride of Benjamin Rush Norvell. Familiar with the aims of the National Society, she was instrumental in organizing the Chapter. As its first Regent, the new chapter was named for her Revolutionary ancestor, Colonel George Moffett.

The Regents from 1975 to 1987 are deceased: Katharine Bordages Matthews (1974-1975); Gladys Davis Topping Bevil (1976-1977); Ruth May Jefferson Weihing (1978-1979); Josephine Compton Vaughn Hawthorn (1980-1981); Rose Ada Williams Yandry (1982-1983); and Anna Mae Wiley Bishop (1984-1985). In the regency of Bertie Holmes Boodry (1986-1987), Ben Rogers was awarded the Medal of Honor for contributions for historic preservation. Margie Milner Boyd was Regent 1988-1989. During the 1990-1991 term of Regent Evelyn Conaway Cousins, a 3 x 5- foot U.S. flag with brass base made by the husband of former Regent Rose Yandry was donated to the Tyrrell Historical Library. Mildred Hall was awarded the Medal of Honor for the preservation of four historic buildings. In 1991-1992, the Chapter won the gold award for outstanding accomplishments.

In 1992-1993, when Miss Mary Jean Davis was Regent, Mrs. Virginia Weir died and left her home to the Chapter. Half of the proceeds of the sale of the house was donated to a history scholarship fund, the other half invested to fund Regents' trips to Continental Congress. In 1994-1995, Ioma Blocker Higgins was Regent; in 1996-1997, Beatrice Kimsey Davis served.

During the term of Regent Reba Barker Murphey (1998-1999), State Regent Donna Raymond attended our George Washington Tea and marked the grave of past Regent, Bertie Boodry. During the regency of Carleen Reese Faucett, which began in 2000, a brass plaque was installed on the 1932 *Temple To The Brave*. State Regent Al'Louise Ramp presided and State Historian, Susan Salm, attended. For this, we were awarded First Place at State Conference and Second Place at Continental Congress. For *An Afternoon at the Constitutional Convention*, an original videotape play by Ida McFaddin Pyle, we were awarded a National First Place.



Plaque added to the Temple to the Brave by the Colonel George Moffett Chapter



Chapter members with genealogy documents

Colonel Henry Hill - Mission

The Colonel Henry Hill Chapter was organized November 18, 1935, by four members of the Rio Grande Chapter of McAllen. Mrs. Thomas Caldwell was Organizing Regent, and her ancestor's name became that of the new chapter, which had 28 members. Henry Hill was a Colonel of a militia at the close of the Revolutionary War.

Colonel Henry Hill Chapter has placed at least 20 markers on graves of deceased members, several of whom were buried out of the Valley or even out of the state. Through the years, the Chapter has attempted to participate in all DAR activities, from Rio Grande Valley DAR Flag Day luncheons to State and National events, and has held various fundraisers from antique and hobby shows and bridge parties to sales of cookbooks.

Members have contributed to the DAR schools by way of monetary contributions, clothing, soup labels, gifts, and scholarships. Good Citizen and American History awards have been presented to qualified high school students in the area. Anastasia Rodriguez of Rio Grande City, was a State Good Citizen in 2000. The chapter currently presents medals to five cadets enrolled in ROTC programs from Mission to Roma. The first ROTC medal ever awarded by this chapter was to a Rio Grande City boy.

Several books were purchased from a collection in Matamoros, Mexico, in 1940, and donated to the Texana and Rare Text Book Library at what is now known as Texas State University for the project of the State Regent.

The Chapter House was the former William Jennings Bryan home, one of Mission's best-known historical homes, deeded by the owner, Mrs. Owen Council in 1964. It was used both for chapter meetings and as a museum of early Mission lore before later being sold.

There have been 31 past regents since the Chapter's inception, and all have been members of the Rio Grande Valley Regent's Council.



Colonel Theunis Dey - Midland

Colonel Theunis Dey was organized October 15, 1966, and honors the memory of the ancestor of Alva Dey Butler, Organizing Regent. Chapter members continue to "Honor God, Home and Country" with a variety of activities. During 1975-2000, the Chapter celebrated the Bicentennial by sponsoring a booth at the Midland Bicentennial Celebration, selling flags and products from Crossnore School; it organized bus trips, visiting historical sites in Texas and New Mexico, and it contributed approximately $20,000 to the Midland County Library, landscaping projects, Commemorative Air Force, and other civic projects.

Annually, a Constitution Week Luncheon is held in conjunction with the Lt. William Brewer Chapter, featuring noted speakers, one of whom was George W. Bush, the current President of the United States. The Chapter has donated over $7,000 to the Midland County Library's genealogical section, purchasing microfilm readers, microfilms (Texas Census 1840-1900), and many genealogical books. In addition, the Chapter has contributed flagpoles and flags to the Library and museums. The Chapter is especially proud of three projects—the gift of $10,000 for the construction of the flagpole area of Midland's Centennial Plaza, the funding of a monument at the Commemorative Air Force Museum, and the annual Fourth of July Children's Parade.

The monument at the Commemorative Air Force, dedicated June 6, 1994, the 50th anniversary of D-Day, consists of a P-47 propeller mounted on a stone and steel pedestal. There is a memorial book honoring veterans of the Armed Forces; and the Chapter contributed to the landscaping of the Memorial Garden, donating over $7,000 to this project.

The Fourth of July Children's Parade has grown from a small neighborhood parade to a citywide event with over 300 children participating, clad in patriotic colors, waving flags, and riding gaily decorated vehicles. The Parade appropriately culminates in the Centennial Plaza Flagpole area with a patriotic ceremony.

The Chapter has awarded numerous Medals of Honor, Conservation and Good Citizenship Medals, participated in naturalization ceremonies, and is proud to have honored our founding Regent, Alva Butler with a lifetime membership.



Commemorative Air Force Monument dedicated June 6, 1994



Comancheria Chapter members supporting the Coffee Memorial Blood Bank

Comancheria - Canadian

The Comancheria was the land of the Comanches. From the early 1770s until 1875, the roving Comanches made the prairies, plateaus and plains of western Texas their home. The Chapter was organized April 14, 1973, by Mrs. John D. Ramp.

Mrs. Ramp served TSDAR as State Corresponding Secretary (1982-1985); State Treasurer (1994-1997); State Vice Regent (1997-2000); and was installed April 2000 as State Regent for a three-year term. Regents serving the chapter have been Mrs. John Ramp (1973-1978); Mrs. C. Virginia Whipple (1978-1980 [dec.]); Mrs. E. T. Barker (1980-1982 [dec.]); Mrs. John E. Ashley (1982-1984 and 1992-1994); Mrs. Billy Bowen (1984-1986); Mrs. Charles R. McDaniel (1986-1988); Mrs. Sid Parnell (1988-1990 and 1998-2000); Mrs. Billy H. Varnell (1990-1992); and Ms. Jeri L. Pundt (1994-1998).

From its inception, Comancheria Chapter has been concerned with community outreach. The Chapter has presented flags to new American citizens, entered floats in Fourth of July parades, presented awards, honored high school Good Citizens, and sponsored American History Month essay contests. The Chapter was honored to be flag bearers for the Canadian High School Band when the band commemorated the Revolutionary War in an elaborate marching and song program. The Chapter has participated in TSDAR and NSDAR projects, including submitting the name of Tom Abraham for the Ellis Island project and numerous veterans for the World War II Memorial.

Comancheria sponsored the following awards: Medal of Honor—Malouf Abraham, Sr.; Americanism Award—Tom Abraham; Conservation Award—A.S. Jackson; State and National American History Essay Winner—Katie McGarr; and the first Texas Outstanding History Teacher—Natalie Sanders. The Chapter participated in recommendations for Freedom Foundation winners, Natalie Sanders and Tom Abraham, and the majority of the chapter traveled to Oklahoma City, OK for a Freedom Foundation banquet honoring Natalie Sanders.

In addition to the service of Al'Louise Suthers Ramp, a number of the Chapter members have served TSDAR as chairmen of various committees. Over the years, a large percentage of the Chapter has attended State Conference, Fall Forum and Continental Congress.



BOSTON TEA PARTY

This is the most magnificent movement of all! There is a dignity, a majesty, a sublimity in this last effort of the patriots that I greatly admire. The people should never rise without doing something to be remembered—something notable and striking. This destruction of the tea is so bold, so daring, so firm, intrepid and inflexible, and it must have so important consequences, and so lasting, that I can't but consider it as an epoch in history!

John Adams
Diary on the Boston Tea Party, December 17, 1773

Comfort Wood - Wharton

Comfort Wood, belle of Ante-Revolution days, was born in 1755 at Little Compton, Rhode Island. She was the daughter of Comfort Taylor and George Wood, officer in the Revolutionary War. In 1775, she was wooed and wed by Billings Brinnell, descendant of an old Huguenot family and officer of the Revolutionary War whose illustrious ancestor was one of the founders of Harvard College. Mrs. Annie Soul Gifford, one of our Chapter members, was a direct descendant of Comfort Wood.

Comfort Wood Chapter was organized April 20, 1914, in Wharton, Texas. Organizing Regent was Mrs. H. A. Cline. Charter members present at the first meeting were Mrs. Cline, Mrs. G. D. Gifford, Miss Annie Gifford, Mrs. Burton D. Hurd of Collegeport, Misses Genevieve and Dora Powers, Mesdames J. J. Warden and R. H. Welder of Victoria, and Mesdames Arthur LeFevre, H. M. Odom, Edith D. Muehs and Miss Eleanor Van Tuyle, members-at-large. Officers elected included: Regent, Mrs. Cline; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. G. C. Gifford; and Registrar, Miss Annie Gifford.

The Chapter honored Mrs. Gifford by choosing the name of "Comfort Wood," one of a long line of patriots and soldiers in the proven lineages of Mrs. Gifford. She was instrumental in keeping the Chapter alive during the time it suffered growing pains, and was a faithful member until her death in 1954.

Regents for 1975-2000 include: Mrs. Chester R. Francis, Jr. (1974-1976); Mrs. C. Hamlin Rugeley (1976-1978); Mrs. V. R. Baty (1978-1980); Mrs. Donald D. Kainer (1980-1982); Mrs. Jeffrey D. Blair (1982-1984); Mrs. R. R. Gleason, Jr. (1984-1986); Mrs. Harry D. Pearson (1986-1988); Mrs. C. Hamlin Rugeley (1998-1990); Mrs. Howard W. Jackson (1990-1992); Mrs. Jeffrey D. Blair (1992-1994); Dr. Patricia F. Axmann (1994-1995); Mrs. James W. Stafford (1995-1996, 1996-1998, 1998-2000).

Corpus Christi - Corpus Christi

Chapter scrapbooks for 1975-2000 reveal an interesting and varied history, with multiple copies of Constitution Week and American History Week proclamations, pictures of new American citizens celebrating with members after a DAR sponsored naturalization ceremony, members presenting American flags to Boy Scout troops and schools, Naval Aviator Designation ceremonies at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, and participation in community park and building dedication in memory of those killed in action while serving their country.

Efforts to reach the youth of the area represent the Chapter's most far-reaching program. We have coached Boy Scouts in attaining genealogy merit badges. Members have financially supported and been honored guests at a middle school's annual "Rally Around the Flag Day" event. American History Essay contest winners have come from regular and special emphasis public, private, and parochial schools. We presented Good Citizen Awards to high school seniors in 20 area schools. Seven high schools' Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and one college Reserve Officer Training Corps have welcomed our involvement in recognizing students. Financial remuneration to award recipients has totaled in the thousands of dollars.

Fund raising to support DAR programs has been creative and imaginative. Perhaps the most valued gift our ladies offer is their time. Members agree that it is the fellowship of working together during rummage sales or quilting sessions that make the hours spent worth the effort.

Chapter regents for the period include: Mrs. Henry E. Flynt (1974-1976); Mrs. Charles B. Bauer (1976-1978); Mrs. Curtis G. Briscoe (1978-1980); Mrs. Hewitt B. Fox (1980-1982); Mrs. Alca B. O'Conner (1982-1984); Mrs. D. Henry Lipe (1984-1986); Mrs. Clyde Richter (1986-1988); Miss C. Christine Cotton (1988-1990); Mrs. Frank DeHay, Jr. (1990-1991); Mrs. C. Phillip Smith (1991-1994); Mrs. Charles R. Richardson (1994-1996); Mrs. Cyrus L. Roberts (1996); Mrs. Johnny Atwood (1996-1998); Mrs. William K. Kerr (1998-2000); Mrs. Joseph P. Hadyka (2000-2002).

The Corpus Christi Chapter was officially organized in May 1927. Chapter members maintain a consistency of purpose and community involvement. We intend to remain a positive influence in spreading the love of God, Home and Country for at least 75 more years.



In 1996, Corpus Christi Chapter members hosted the TSDAR 97th Annual State Conference in Corpus Christi. As it was also the Texas NSDAR Centennial, some members dressed in period costumes.



President General Patricia Shelby presents Carol Hicks with her Outstanding Junior Award in 1982.

Coushatti Trace - Willis

The Coushatti Trace was a roadway from Louisiana into Texas that was established by the Coushatta Indians as they hunted and traded into Texas from Louisiana. Later, the Trace was used by pioneers coming into Texas, including the settlers in what would become Montgomery County. Sections of the Trace remain today. The Coushatti Trace Chapter organized February 6, 1981, with 12 organizing members, including four Juniors. Three of these were or became State Outstanding Juniors: Chris McKenzie (Colorado), Mindy Kammeyer (Hawaii and Texas), and Carol Hicks (Texas).

The Chapter began with a high commitment to education, securing a Good Citizen Scholarship the first year. Two endowed Chapter scholarships, based on financial need as well as patriotism and leadership, have awarded over $17,000 to graduating high school seniors. Monetary awards are given yearly for Good Citizenship and Junior ROTC recipients. NSDAR schools have been supported through monetary donations, thousands of pounds of clothing, pennies, and soup labels. The Service to Veterans Committee gives hundreds of dollars and hours to Houston VA Medical Center. Conservation has been a major emphasis. Great effort has been made in promoting Indian awareness though donations and programs. American heritage is emphasized though historical and cultural programs spanning pioneers to space.

Members have abstracted over 30,000 pages of unpublished genealogical material for the NSDAR Library, resulting in Chapter awards from both NSDAR and TSDAR. Over 200 books and microfilms have been donated to NSDAR and local libraries. Constitution Week has been a yearly promotion through displays in the libraries of Conroe and Willis. We have had recipients of the TSDAR Outstanding American History Teacher Award and the DAR Medal of Honor. Through the past 24 years, members have held numerous National Chairmanships and Vice-Chairmanships, State Offices, State Chairmanships, and State Vice Chairmanships. We strive to see that Old Glory continues to fly by presenting schools with flags, flag codes and programs.

A Chapter highlight was our 10th anniversary with Honorary President General Patricia Shelby as speaker. The Organizing Regent, Charter members, and members were honored on our 20th anniversary. Members preserve our motto – God, Home, Country.

Cross Timbers - Lewisville

Cross Timbers Chapter was organized on April 19, 1993, Peggy Groover Gentry, Organizing Regent. There were 18 organizing members. The name chosen for the Chapter comes from the unique landform of the area of Texas— a narrow belt of forestland that lies between Dallas and Fort Worth and stretches north to south between Denton and Arlington. The Greater Lewisville area is almost in the center of this area. Regents during 1975-2000 were Peggy Gentry (1993-1995); Cheryl Hopkin (1995-1997); Jeanne King (1997-1999); and Priscilla Shoulders (1999-2001).

The Chapter has strived to be a presence in our community and to promote those things that DAR holds dear—patriotism, education, and genealogy research. For the past several years we have been an integral part of the Memorial Day and Veterans' Day Ceremonies in the Town of Flower Mound, and in 2005, Cross Timbers Chapter will be part of a committee that will oversee the creation of a Veterans' Memorial. We lend support to a homeless shelter for veterans in Ft. Worth, and we make regular trips to the VA hospital in Bonham to support the patients. We have always supported the ROTC departments of our local high schools by using these students as honor guards, awarding medals, and lending financial support to their annual Military Ball. We hold genealogy workshops from time to time, using the facilities of the Family History Center and the Lewisville Library.

We also fund a scholarship for a graduating senior in the Lewisville Independent School District. Each year an outstanding citizen is given our Community Service Award and a middle school student receives the American History Essay Contest award. We take pride in seeking out and awarding those who strive for excellence in any field.

The Chapter has grown from the original 18 members to our current size of 62. We have a wonderful mix of Juniors, working women, retirees, mothers with young children, and several loyal members living in other states.



Members of Cross Timbers Chapter at Flag Day Celebration, June 14, 1999, Flower Mound Town Hall

Daniel Coleman - Georgetown

The Daniel Coleman Chapter was organized December 7, 1925, and named for the ancestor of Mabel Taylor Quebedeaux, the organizing Regent. Daniel Coleman was born on June 7, 1768, in Cumberland County, Virginia. At the age of 12, he served as an Express Courier for the Military Commandant of Halifax, Virginia.

The past 25 years have seen remarkable growth for the Chapter. Our membership doubled to 90 Daughters. We progressed from meeting in members' homes to meeting at the Georgetown Masonic Lodge. Our Chapter has been ably led over this time by the following Regents: Mrs. John C. Johnson (1975-1977), Mrs. Thomas P. Jones (1978-1980), Mrs. Trudy Lee Roegner (1981-1982), Mrs. Sue M. Jones (1983-1986), Mrs. Sue K. Porter (1987-1988), Mrs. Stephen H. Johns (1989-1990), Mrs. Barbara Barrera (1991-1992), Mrs. Nelma Wilkinson (1993-1994), Mrs. Darla Teter (1995-1996), Mrs. Mary C. Carlman (1997-1998), and Mrs. LuJuana Zane (1999-2000).

The Chapter emphasizes the honoring of outstanding high school seniors through the Good Citizen's Award. We now sponsor 14 schools with this award and provide a $300 scholarship. In addition, we award two ROTC medals each year. Our Chapter has also contributed to community education through workshops on a variety of topics. We have had an active label collection program to help the DAR and Indian schools. We strongly support the Scott and White Veteran's Hospital in Temple, providing gifts and handwork. On May 6, 1995, our Chapter dedicated an official Texas Historical Marker, commemorating the founding of Georgetown (see photo). The marker was placed on the site where the Commissioners of the newly formed Williamson County met in May 1848 to choose a location for the new county seat. Previously, in 1930, the chapter had erected a granite monument marking the location of the original live oak tree that shaded the meeting and marked the county seat.

In 2000, the Chapter celebrated its 75th anniversary at the historic Williamson County Museum. We have enjoyed tremendous growth, which, in turn, has enabled our chapter to better serve NSDAR, our youth, our veterans, and our community.



Marker Dedication: (l-r) Barbara Barrera, Darla Teter, Faye Duncan, Nelma Wilkinson, Una Jones, and Laverne Faubion



Daniel McMahon's 60th Anniversary Celebration

Daniel McMahon - Athens

The Daniel McMahon Chapter, founded in 1937, was led from 1975-2000 by eleven Regents: Mesdames Joe H. Owen, James C. Brown, Jr., Dan O. Lockey, Glenn E. Fluker, Sr., D. D. Waller (three terms), Cynthia S. Loughridge, W. S. McLemore, James Stafford, S. D. Pierce, Kenneth G. Presley, and Arthur H. Hall, Sr. (two terms).

The Chapter participated in patriotic and civic activities including care packages for hospitalized veterans and active service people. We made donations to the local and NSDAR libraries and the local arboretum. We also participated in the dedication of the Memorial Tree in College Station. Our programs were on the Constitution, national defense, history (including Revolutionary times, customs, music and battles), patriotism, education, art, and nature. We held annual observances of Constitution Week, having local churches ring bells on Constitution Day and going into local schools encouraging students to participate in our History Essay contests. We enjoyed programs by members, local leaders, and State DAR officers.

The Chapter instituted an annual George Washington Tea to honor the Father of our Country and show local residents the purpose of DAR. Members enjoy an annual Christmas tea or luncheon. The 60th Anniversary of the Chapter was celebrated November 19, 1997, with Mrs. Frank LaRue and Mrs. Dan C. Williams, two founding daughters, giving recollections. All ladies dressed in hats and gloves. We annually honor Good Citizens from several area high schools and American History contest winners. The Chapter achieved Level 1 Achievement Awards for several years. Genealogy workshops helped introduce the Chapter to the city and increased our membership, which stood at 69 in 2000.

We are especially proud of several of our Daughters who have been honored at the State and National Levels: Mrs. Glenn Fluker (literacy), Mrs. V. L. Tarrance (watercolor paintings), Mrs. Donald Waller (State Vice Chairman, Crossnore School), Mrs. Kenneth Presley (Vice Chairman, State Regent's Project), Mrs. James Stafford (State Chairman, Pressbooks), Mrs. Arthur Hall, Sr., (National Vice Chairman, American Heritage Committee Art; National Vice Chairman, Literacy Challenge Committee; State Chairman, Texas Room; State Chairman, DAR Magazine).

Daniel Witcher - Jasper

In the last 25 years, the Daniel Witcher Chapter has managed to double its membership. The members still strive for community participation with the Essay Contest as well as the Good Citizen awards. Many of our local schools eagerly look forward to these contests each year. We continue our stewardship of the DAR forest. On October 31, 1996, we had the privilege to re-dedicate this land with the placement of a large granite marker. One of our charter members, Mrs. Louise Withers Townsend, serves as Chairman of the State Forest Committee.

In 1998, Chapter members published a volume of the Jasper County Commissioners Court Minutes. Another of our members, Mrs. Carmen Walker, served as a founding member of the Newton County Veteran's Memorial Committee with the placement and dedication of a monument on the Newton County Courthouse square on November 11, 1998. Several members took part in locating and moving one of the King's Highway Markers to its proper place.

In 2001, we celebrated our Chapter's 50th Anniversary with a tea at the Beaty-Orton House in Jasper. At the same time, we honored Mrs. Blanche Risinger and Mrs. Louise Withers Townsend for 50 years of service to DAR. We have also awarded a 40-year certificate as well as a 25-year certificate. Although we still serve a very large area, we are striving to encourage membership from young women. We hope to re-energize our Chapter by changing the dates and times of our meetings to include those women who work as well as encouraging Junior membership. Much is still to be done but we look forward to a bright future.

Over the past 25 years, members who have served as Chapter Regents are as follows: Mrs. Nancy Rhodes Nicholson, Mrs. Bennie Polk Morgan, Mrs. Pat Kirk Hoffman, Mrs. Edna Earle Weatherly McClusky, Mrs. Aileen Pace Smith Nunnally, Mrs. Evelyn Albright Dry, Mrs. Katherine Pace Baldwin, Mrs. Bonnie Jones Smith, Mrs. Alice Crocker Johnson, Mrs. Carmen Meek Walker and Mrs. Patricia Holmes Forrest. We appreciate the hard work these ladies have done to keep our Chapter moving forward into the future.



TSDAR State Forest Marker



Drucilla Pitts, Chapter namesake

Drucilla Pitts - Pittsburg

Regent Betty Chappell organized the Drucilla Pitts Chapter on April 12, 1986. Of the 13 organizing members, four are still living and two are still members. Past Regents are Betty Chappell (1986-1988); Elizabeth Whatley (1988-1989); Jan Antwine (1989-1990); Jane Davis (1990-1992); Bette Holcomb (1992-1994); Linda Alford (1994-1996); Lilma Godsey (1996-1998); and Betty Chappell (1998-2000).

The Chapter is named for Drucilla Pitts, a widow who migrated to Northeast Texas with her children, their spouses, and her grandchildren in 1854, when she was 62 years old. She joined her son, William Harrison Pitts, who had earlier purchased the 200 acres that now comprise Pittsburg, the county seat of Camp County. Pittsburg is named for the Pitts family.

The Chapter has participated in many historical events in the area, including a tour of member Elizabeth Whatley's home, which is on the National Register for Historic Sites. Excellent programs were presented with period costumes and weapons on the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WW II, and Korean War. Community involvement is important to our members. The Drucilla Pitts Scholarship is a $500 award established with money from fundraisers and donations for Camp County students. In the Spring of 1986, the Chapter held a George Washington Tea to fund the scholarship program.

Many books have been donated to both the local library and NSDAR library. Each year the Mayor signs a proclamation for Constitution Week and members give bookmarks to students. Members won first prize for a float depicting home life in the Revolutionary period during the fall city celebration. Excellent programs have been given on conservation and preservation. In 1999, a tree was planted on the Camp County Courthouse lawn in honor of member Gladys Suber's 50-year membership in DAR. The Chapter sends stamps to veterans, supports our local museums, and collects labels and box tops for DAR sponsored schools.

Two members have six supplemental patriots each, and the Chapter has four junior members. One member has designed and maintains a Chapter web site, and another maintains the County genealogy web site. It is encouraging to see what the Chapter has accomplished over the years.



Former Regents L-R: Mrs. Russel J. (Jackie) Judah, Mrs. Fernando (Anne) Cespedes, Mrs. Lloyd (Nancy) Johnston, Mrs. F. S. (Betty) Dodd, Mrs. R. E. (Agnes) Velten, Mrs. R. L. (Nicki) Phillips, Jr.

DuBoise-Hite - Brownsville

"On the Border, By the Sea" — the DuBois-Hite Chapter is in a unique location to carry out the work of the DAR. This is best epitomized in the 1976 JAC "Project Hope," in which the JAC clubs in Brownsville, in conjunction with the City of Brownsville, opened and dedicated a park on the banks of the Rio Grande River. The memorial marker reads as follows:

"J.A.C. PROJECT HOPE

Presented as a lasting tribute to America's 200th Anniversary on July 4, 1976, by the Junior American Citizens Clubs, sponsored by the DuBois-Hite Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Markers honor Brownsville schools sponsoring J.A.C. Clubs and their installation dates. The flags fly as a reminder of our devotion and loyalty to our country, our prideful love of our state and our appreciation of a good neighbor."

Individual markers list the schools participating. In 1975 there were 248 clubs in Brownsville with 12,078 members. A Bicentennial Pageant was held May 16 and 17, 1976. Susan Austin was the JAC sponsor and the TSDAR Outstanding Junior in 1975.

DuBois-Hite has always emphasized two major projects—schools and the immigration courts. Members attend all immigration ceremonies and are always invited to make a welcome to the new citizens. DAR Welcome cards are attached to each citizenship certificate. This cooperation with the Federal courts is a most rewarding experience. Our work with the schools includes participating in the Good Citizens program, giving medals to outstanding cadets in ROTC, and sponsoring the American History essay contest. In 1991, Javier Cisneros won 1st place in State for his 8th grade essay on "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me." Lilia Silva was the State Good Citizen in 1995.

Three members of Dubois-Hite have become organizing Regents for other chapters in the TSDAR: Laura Underwood (Asa Underwood), Laura Edwards (Lost Pines) and Frances Lipe (George W. Kendall). Betty Dodd served as State Registrar and State Treasurer. Former Regent Jo Jennings served as a State Chairman.

El Paso del Norte - El Paso

The El Paso del Norte Chapter was organized on October 13, 1979, by our Organizing Regent, Emily Burgett (now deceased). The Chapter was named for the "The Pass of the North," the mountain pass between two mountain ranges through which the Spanish travelers and others could easily cross when going north to Santa Fe or west to California. With the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo of February 2, 1848, which ended the Mexican War, the boundary between Mexico and the United States was set, and El Paso became the town on the north side of the Rio Grande.

El Paso del Norte presented the little town of Canutillo, the original site of the Chapter's organization, with a Flag of the United States. The Chapter later moved its location to El Paso. Organizing Regent, Emily Burgett, was presented with a Life Membership to the DAR Museum by the Chapter. In 1990, Lt. General Shoemaker gave a program on the impact of the Middle East problems on the security of the United States. During this period, the Chapter had a birthday party for 103-year-old member Millie Miller. The Chapter currently has about 59 members, including the ones from out of town.

Past regents of the chapter are: Mrs. William A. Burgett (1979-1981 [deceased]); Mrs. Carl C. Rosenbaum (1981-1983 [deceased]); Mrs. John D. Wilbanks (1983-1985 [deceased]); Mrs. Perry E. Foust (1985-1987 [deceased]); Mrs. Jack N. Duke (1987-1989); Mrs. C.R. McDaniel (1989-1991); Mrs. Edward J. Walsh (1991-1993 [deceased]); Mrs. Lawrence E. Duncan (1993-1995); Mrs. Henry S. Lide (1995-1997); Mrs. Joe M. Battle (1997-1999); Mrs. Samuel U. Vail (1999-2003). Mrs. Vail served as regent for four years rather than the customary two-year term.



Villa de El Paso del Norte, 1662.



Dorothy Depew with Chapter Flag

Elizabeth Crockett - Granbury

The Elizabeth Crockett Chapter was organized on June 6,1987, with 15 organizing members. When the Chapter began, six members were inactive members of the Teha Lanna Chapter in Stephenville. The Regent, Mrs. Launa Purvis, suggested that Dorothy Furgeson organize a chapter in Granbury. With much help from the Teha Lanna Chapter and State Regents Nancy Tiner and Margie Lovett and State Organizing Chairman Bonner DeShazo, the Elizabeth Crockett chapter was formed. The enthusiastic members doubled up and took offices and filled committees.

The name for the chapter seemed appropriate with Elizabeth Crockett, wife of David Crockett of Alamo fame, buried in the Acton Cemetery and with relatives still living in the Granbury area. A great, great granddaughter is a Chapter member. Chapter regents for the period include: Mrs. E. D. Depew (1987-1989); Mrs. E. R. Durham (1989-1991); Mrs. J. M. Macatee (1991-1993); Mrs. B. M. Baker (1993-1995); Mrs. R. A. Haygood (1995-1997); Mrs. G. E. Walton (1997-1999), and Mrs. Jack Goodall (1999-2001).

We have been represented at State Conferences, Continental Congresses, on bus tours to DAR Schools and to Galveston for the Centennial Anniversary of DAR. We have won and given awards to middle school History Essay winners, a Good Citizenship Essay winner, a bronze medal and merit certificate to a JROTC candidate, recognition to Outstanding History teachers, and a DAR Citizen Volunteer Award. A high school scholarship is given to a deserving senior with our emphasis being scholastic but not based upon rank in class.

Our membership is full of inspiring and captivating ladies. They support and volunteer in churches, take leadership roles in historical associations, usher at the opera house, serve as museum docents, take part in the Christmas Tour of Homes as owners and docents, and have full-time jobs.

Entertaining State Regents continues to be a delight. We have a beautiful chapter flag; we honor outgoing regents with a tea and ex-regent's pin. While death and illness saddens our Chapter, we continue to grow through workshops and meetings with stimulating programs to encourage attendance and new membership. Our new members are quickly absorbed into working committees.

Elizabeth Denton English - Mineola

The Elizabeth Denton English Chapter organized at Mineola on June 8, 1990. It was named for the wife of James English who served as a Private in the Revolutionary War. They were parents of eleven children. Elizabeth and all the children moved to Texas where many descendants reside today. Four descendants were organizing members of the chapter.

Letitica Teague Puckett served as the Organizing Regent. Organizing members were: Mignon Lollar Adrian, Grace Cox Black, Gail Trieb Boles, Margaret Bogan Bray, Lois Stanley Dean, Jane McCullough Herring, Dorothy Childress Jones, Margaret Hassell Junkin, Edith Helen Koler, Marguerite Kine Lukenbill, Loura Puckett Moore, Nelda Witherspoon Munden, Lucile Eagleston Patten, Susan Herring Phillips, Exa English Puckett, Letitia Teague Puckett, Sue Lukenbill Puckett, Rosalie Buchanan Smith, Sally Puckett Speer, Georgianne DeBaun, Teague, Grace Schindler Trieb, and Kathy Heaton Wells. Charter Members were: Bonnie Newsom Licalsi, Christi Michelle McFarlin, Wendy Adrienne McFarlin, Mary Anne Adrian McKenzie, Beth Wilson Shockey, and Bessie Rae Coats Wilson.

Chapter meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month from September through May at the First Christian Church in Mineola. Currently the Chapter has 49 members and growing. A lovely tea honoring the Chapter's 10th anniversary was held on June 3, 2000, at the Mineola Civic Center. State Regent Donna Raymond was the honored guest. She also installed the officers for 2001.

In 2000, CDR Charles D. Stackhouse, US Navy, Retired, was nominated for the DAR Medal of Honor. CDR. Stackhouse, the husband of Chapter member Wilma Stackhouse, was held prisioner of war in North Viet Nam for six years. An award ceremony was planned for April 2001, at the Mineola Civic Center, with State Officers and Committee members invited to attend.

Those who have served the chapter as Regent are: Letitia Teague Puckett Organizing Regent, Honorary Regent* (1990-1991); Lucille Eagleston Patten (1991-1993); Georgianne DeBaun Teague (1993); Bessie Rae Coats Wilson* (1993-1996); Beth Wilson Shockey (1996-1997); Joan Bethal Jones* (1997-1999); Kay Wallace Sloan* (1999-2001). An asterisk (*) indicates Honorary Regent.



MRS. CAMP CHEST

To the memory of the Man, first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee
Resolution presented to the House of Representatives on the Death of Washington, December 1799



"Blandishments will not fascinate us, nor will threats of a 'halter' intimidate. for, under God, we are determined that wheresoever, whensoever, or howsoever we shall be called to make our exit, we will die free men."

Josiah Qunicy,
Observations on the Boston Port Bill, 1774

Elizabeth Duncan - Irving

The Elizabeth Duncan Chapter was organized December 10, 1970, by Mrs. Daniel G. Ashmore. Elizabeth Duncan was selected as the name of the Chapter, as she was the ancestor of organizing regent, Mrs. Dan Ashmore, and five other organizing members.

Elizabeth Duncan was born July 14, 1762, in Virginia. During the Revolutionary War, she and all of her family were imprisoned by the British and taken to Canada. Elizabeth provided food and supplies which enabled her brother, John, to escape and join General George Washington's army. For this heroic service, Elizabeth was proclaimed a patriot of the American Revolution. She became the wife of Thomas Laughlin, who served as a lieutenant during the Revolutionary War, and served as a magistrate of Whitley County, Kentucky. Two coverlets that Elizabeth Duncan and her mother, Elinor Sharp Duncan, wove while they were captives in the Canadian Prison Camp, survive in the family.

Elizabeth Gordon Bradley - Waco

In the early 1970s, the Henry Downs Chapter, which met in the late afternoon, thought that Waco would benefit from another DAR chapter, which would meet in the mornings. This would attract young women who could attend the meetings while their children were in school. The year selected as a target date was 1976, the 75th anniversary of Waco's Henry Downs Chapter and the Bicentennial of the United States of America. Sara Evans and Urena Johnson began searching for enough members to qualify for the organization of a chapter.

At the time the women's movement was under way, and the National Society encouraged new chapters to select a woman patriot for the name of their chapter. Thus the name of Sara Evan's ancestor, Elizabeth Gordon Bradley was selected. Born on May 4, 1730, in Williamsburg Township, South Carolina, Elizabeth Gordon Bradley was a true war heroine who aided the American Revolution by making clothing and furnishing food and supplies to the soldiers. She used her home as a "back" hospital for the wounded.

The Organizational Meeting took place at Sara Evans' home on Tuesday, October 15, 1976. It was very impressive, with the presence of Mrs. A. Art Williams, Jr., the TSDAR Registrar; Mrs. Robert H. Parkinson, TSDAR Organizing Secretary; Dr. Carol Woodfin, Vice Regent of Henry Downs; and Mrs. Urena Johnson, Chapter Registrar of Henry Downs. From a small charter group of 36 we have grown to over one hundred members living throughout the United States.

We have planted trees at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and the Earl Harrison House. Annually we have made the Honor Roll. We present DAR Good Citizen and ROTC medals each year. We provided the POW flag for the Veteran's Memorial at the Carlene Bright Arboretum. We participated at the Waco/McLennan County Library Lock-In, Veteran's Day Parades, Naturalization Ceremonies and other community events, providing information about patriotism and the NSDAR. We work on national, state and chapter committees. We strive to provide historical, educational, and patriotic services throughout McLennan County.



Former Regents of Elizabeth Gordon Bradley: (l-r) Lillian Burleson (1986-1988), Martha Akins (1998-2000/2000-2002), Clora Kellum (1992-1994), Linda Totten (1978-1980), Barbara Lewandowski (1996-1998); Not pictured: Betsy Eidson (1982-1984/1990-1992), Dorothy Prestwich (1988-1990).

Ensign Thomas Huling - Killeen

The Ensign Thomas Huling Chapter was formed in 1969. It was named after the ancestor of the first Regent, Betty Nash (Mrs. Mark) who served as Regent until 1974.

Regents serving during 1975-2000 have included the following: Mrs. Robert B. Mathis (1974-1977); Mrs. Paul F. Roberts (1977-1979); Mrs. Mark Nash (1979-1981); Mrs. D. N. Boltz, Sr. (1981-1984); Mrs. John B. Cloud, Jr. (1984-1985); Mrs. Woodrow Young (1985-1987); Mrs. Robert LaMonte (1987-1989); Mrs. David Yielding (1989-1991); Mrs. Robert Wright III (1991-1993 and 1993-1995); Mrs. Martin J. Koffinberger (1995-1997); Mrs. John R. Stevens (1997-1999); Mrs. Robert LaMonte (1999-2001).



Ephraim Andrews Chapter - Fredericksburg

The Ephraim Andrews Chapter organized on December 6, 1974, with Mrs. Dudley Althaus (Barbara) as the Organizing Regent. The Chapter was named for Ephraim Andrews, the Revolutionary War ancestor of the Organizing Regent. Ephraim Andrews was born 4 February, 1720, in Prince Georges County, Virginia. He enlisted when he was 61 on August 24,1781, as a private of cavalry in Colonel "Lighthorse" Harry Lee's Virginia Legion. Faithfully serving to the end of the War, he was honorably discharged on 15 November, 1783. He died in Hawkins County, Tennessee in 1808 at the age of 88. Charter Members were: Barbara Althaus, Margaret Bierschwale, Mary Cameron, Sarah Chandler, Ruth Fowler, Beulah Henderson, Ruby Hohmann, Joan Hubbard, Marie Kimbriel, Evelyn Kothman, Jessie Leach, Mary Lindig, Vivial Linson, Alma Roach, Irene Roberts, Loyce Rossman, Evelyn Schluter, Linda Schwars, Margaret Stieler, Loydene Terry, Gladys Tobin, and Charice Wood.

Past Regents have been: Mrs Dudley Althaus (1974-1976); Mrs. Horace Wood (1976-1978); Mrs. Evelyn Chandler (1978-1980); Mrs. Robert Michener (1980-1982); Mrs. Robert Beumer (1982-1984); Mrs. Tyrus Cox (1984-1985); Mrs.Paul Rothband (1985-1986); Mrs. Bruce Hagman (1986-1990); Mrs. Clarence Reed (1990-1992); Mrs. Bruce Hagman (1992-1994); Mrs. Richard Slyker (1994-1996); Mrs. Joseph Ginn (1996-1999); Mrs. O. Kepler Johnson, Jr. (2000-2003).

Esther McCrory - Amarillo

The Esther McCrory Chapter was organized April 11, 1911. The Chapter's namesake served as a messenger by horse for her father, Thomas, a captain in the Ninth Regiment, North Carolina Continental troops.

Regents since 1974 are Myrtle Ann Savage Potter, 1974-1976; Nell Green Findley, 1976-1980 and 1982-1986; Elizabeth Jarrott Morgan, 1980-1982; Burkella Wells Oschner, 1982; Maurine Archer Travis, 1986-1992; Ruth Mary Conrad Maples, 1992-1996; Verna Thompson Millard, 1996-2000; and Ruth Elaine Maples, who began her term in 2000.

Verna Millard's and RM Maples's efforts resulted in the Chapter's being ranked number two in the nation in 1998 and number one in 1999. Our Good Citizen contests represent 12 high schools. We give pins, certificates and cash awards on essays and community assistance. A donation of $12,000 went to the Veteran Annex of the VA Medical Center. Veterans are honored with DAR markers at the Texas Panhandle War Memorial.

Elaine Maples designed ads honoring the Maples' parents, "Elaine Maples' Looking for Ancestors," and a centerfold honoring the 1895-1995 Texas Millennium. Postcards were sold of Elaine's drawing of Texas women for The Texas Society-Since 1895.

Elaine Maples has participated in the Art Contests with pieces shown in Washington D.C. She designed the windmill pin for Division I Regent's Council. R. M. Maples helped organize the Division I Regents Council and was its second president.

Ruth Mary and Elaine Maples are certified Volunteer Genealogists for supplemental papers. Ruth Mary proved her daughters' 35 documented DAR ancestors. She received several Good Citizenship medals from SAR and the First SAR Daughters of Liberty medal. The Maples' and Lillian Sloan have chairs in the National Auditorium at Constitution Hall.

Esther McCrory gives flags and DAR Manuals to naturalized citizens and ROTC Good Citizenship Awards at Amarillo, Caprock and Tascosa High. Our Mike Harter was 1996 Texas History Teacher.

We give Magazines to AC, WT A&M, VA Medical Center, and the Canyon Library. We give $25 Memorials. We have given the DAR library family history and lineage books. We will celebrate our 100th Birthday in April 2011.



Postcard featuring Elaine Maples' Drawing of Texas Women



Fort Bend Chapter Bicentennial Quilt

Fort Bend - Richmond

The Fort Bend Chapter was named for Fort Bend County. It was chartered in 1946. The Chapter members made a Bicentennial Quilt in 1976, which started with the charter members and included all members up to that year. Each member was given a square to embroider her name and that of her ancestor. In the center of the quilt is the DAR insignia.

When the Fort Bend Museum wanted to expand in 1987, the books were placed in the Genealogy Department of the George Memorial Library. The Fort Bend Chapter also contributed money to the Genealogy Department to help purchase microfilm of the Revolutionary War Soldier Records and the Soldiers and Widows Pensions. Each year, the Chapter gives National Defense Medals and Good Citizens Awards. In 1996, the Fort Bend Chapter was 50 years old and celebrated with a reception at the Fort Bend Country Club in Richmond. Several State Officers, Chairmen, and charter members attended.

There are currently 96 members in the Chapter, and the Chapter's name has repeatedly appeared on the National Honor Roll.

Following are the Fort Bend Chapter Regents 1975-2000 (an asterisk indicates deceased): Mrs. Richard S. Werner (1975-1977); Mrs. Herman L. Klawitter (1977-1979); Mrs. James F. Barr * (1979-1981); Mrs. Robert Roenigk (1981-1983); Mrs. D. G. Van Vooren* (1983-1985); Mrs. Connie Stettbacher (1985-1987); Mrs. Jim Sam Camp (1987-1989); Mrs. Arthur Saillant (1989-1991); Mrs. Connie Stettbacher (1991-1993); Mrs. Richard C. Hutchens (1993-1995); Mrs. Milton Hooper (1995-1997); Mrs. James R. Wilson (1997-1999); Mrs. Robert Lynn Batts II (1999-2001).

Fort Velasco - Lake Jackson

The Fort Velasco Chapter was organized on October 13, 1979. Fort Velasco's objectives are the encouragement of education, history and patriotism. Our Charter members are leaders and continue to support and encourage our new members.

Charter Members are Esther Biggers, Margaret Blair, Nanetta Burkholder, Coryne Choate, Lucy Colvin, Barbara Frizzell, Sara Harp, Marie Harvey, Mary Hill, Valois Holder, Janet Jackson, Verna Lester, Barbara McAlexander, Mildred McCafferty, Mable McCool, Cornelia McKee, Elizabeth Rice, Elaine Roebuck, Elvira Schaff, Kathleen Sechrest, Joy Senturia, Lelia Slonek, Maxelle Singletary, Helen Wright, and Martha Wright.

We have a Chapter rich in tradition, history and service.

In September of each year, we participate in a Constitution Luncheon, which includes a program on the U.S. Constitution. In addition, we have a Constitution-related display at our local public library. In December of each year, we have a Christmas Tea to celebrate the Holidays with our DAR family. In February of each year, we have a President's Tea. Each year our Chapter gives a scholarship to a local senior. We also give a History Achievement Award to local Middle School students. In addition, our Chapter annually plants trees at the local Art Center. We always remember our Veterans who have served our country.

We have a Chapter rich in tradition, history and service. It is our privilege and joy to serve our community and country as Daughters of The American Revolution.



Charter Members (back row, l to r): Valois Holder, Maxelle Singletary, Barbara McAlexander, Marie Harvey, Sara Harp; (front row, l to r): Evelyn Evans, Organizing State Secretary, Kathleen Sechrest and Coryne Choate

Fort Worth - Fort Worth

The Fort Worth chapter was organized February 19, 1914, by Mrs. C. W. Childress. It was named in honor of the old fort which was the beginning of the city. Programs have been conducted to enlighten our membership with increased knowledge in the areas of patriotism, education, and service. The Fort Worth Chapter continued its involvement with the Six Flags and Mary Isham Keith Chapters in hosting the Constitution Day Luncheons, Good Citizens Reorganization Teas, and Flag Day Ceremonies on a rotating basis. Support is given to two local C.A.R. chapters.

Naturalization ceremonies have been attended and new citizens have been provided with study materials, flags and pens. We have held receptions for the new citizens and their families, which is a learning experience for our membership. The Indian Summer Camp program and clothing for Bacone College Thrift Shop is an ongoing project. Several of our members have visited Bacone regularly.

Each November a citywide "Massing of the Colors" is conducted, and the Fort Worth Chapter participates by carrying the American and Chapter flags. Support is given to the NSDAR schools through labels, clothing, and monetary donations. Items are donated on a regular basis to the Dallas Veterans Hospital and the Fort Worth Clinic.

Workshops have been conducted to assist prospective members with their research, and they are given individual assistance in completing their applications. State and National membership referrals have been very helpful. Our chapter also participated, by request of the State Education Board, in reviewing history books for accurate information.

We have been fortunate to have Regents who provided outstanding leadership. Their willingness to serve and providing education for new officers has been invaluable. Mrs. Fletcher B. Reeder is an active member at this time and was first Regent of this chapter in 1956.

Regents for 1975-2000 have been Mrs. O. P. Patterson, 1973-1976*; Mrs. W.K. Robinette, Jr., 1976-1979*; Mrs. Chet N. Wells, 1979-1982; Mrs. W. K. Robinette, Jr., 1982-1984*; Mrs. Fletcher B. Reeder, 1984-1986; Mrs. Perry Vestal, 1986-1990; Mrs. A. D. Hudson, 1990-1991*; Mrs. Chet N. Wells, 1991-1993; Mrs. Fred M. Holcomb, Jr., 1993-1996; Mrs. Earl N. Englerth, 1996-1998; Mrs. Jerry Bemus, 1998-2002. (An * indicates deceased.)

Francis Lightfoot Lee - Era



Francis Lightfoot Lee

The Francis Lightfoot Lee Chapter received its charter on October 13, 1979. Mary Katharine Davis Smith was appointed as Organizing Regent and Aline Lee Fischer as Organizing Vice Regent. Both were descendents of the Lightfoot and Lee families of Virginia who served in the Virginia House of Burgesses.

Francis Lightfoot Lee and his brother Richard Henry Lee were signers of the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation. Francis Lightfoot Lee took an active part in the American Revolution. He was born in 1734 at Stratford Hall, the family estate in Westmoreland County, Virginia. In 1769 he married Rebecca Taylor of Richmond County, Virginia. He served on the military and marine committees during the Revolution, as well as the committee charged with drafting the Articles of Confederation. Following service in the State Legislature, he abandoned public life and service and lived quietly in Leesburg, Virginia, which was named for him. Our Chapter is proud to bear his name.

Mary Katharine Smith and Aline Fischer were long-time members and believed in the aims and philosophy of DAR. They were diligent and tireless in their quest to recruit members, an effort that began at least two years before the Chapter organized. Mary Katharine almost single-handedly obtained members for this At-Large Chapter in formation. Without her perseverance and dedication, our Chapter would never have been!

At the time of formation Mrs. Fisher donated a new brick building in Era for the use of the Chapter for the length of its existence. It is well suited for meetings and is also used by the Era Masonic Lodge and occasionally by the Rebecca Crockett Chapter. It is available for community events.

Chapter Regents during 1975-2000 were as follows: Mary Katharine Smith (1979-1982); Jeanette Balentine (1982-1985); Mary Katharine Smith (1985-1988); Linnie Billingsly Shobe (1988-1991); Bette Gunter Cheaney (1991-1994); Mary Katharine Smith (1994-1998); Juanita Norman Leach (1998-2000); Susanne Griggs Barnett (2000-2002).

During the past 25 years the Chapter has maintained a steady membership of 20 to 25 members. Mothers, daughters and granddaughters enjoy the friendship of generations.

That these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown; and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.

Richard Henry Lee
Resolution at the Continental Congress, June 7, 1776



Mary Florence (Mrs. Carroll), 50-Year DAR Member and Charter Member of Gen. Levi Casey.

General Levi Casey - Dallas

General Levi Casey, organized February 7, 1952, is the second oldest DAR chapter in Dallas. It has been blessed with capable regents over the past 25 years, including Mrs. Sterling Bailey, Mrs. Oscar Listol, Mrs. Delway Smith, Mrs. Mary Helen Brengel, Mrs. Tom Hearn, Mrs. Clytes Cullar, Mrs. Roy Lars Hansen, Ms. Wanda Ledwell, Mrs. Gordon Miltenberger, Mrs. Carroll Florence, Mrs. Pershing Latham, Mrs. Patricia Westerlage, and Mrs. Lawrence Sellers.

Each year Chapter members have attended numerous workshops, Fall Forum, State Conference, and Continental Congress. Our Chapter has been extremely active in numerous projects reflecting the high ideals of NSDAR. In order to promote patriotism, we presented American flags to Old City Park, schools, libraries, and the YWCA. In an effort to encourage American History, we have annually participated in the DAR American History essay contest, given medals to DAR Good Citizens, recognized outstanding Junior ROTC students, and acknowledged Junior American Citizens. To celebrate Constitution Week, we have obtained proclamations from the cities of Dallas, Grand Prairie, Duncanville, and Lancaster, created displays for local libraries, and attended the annual Constitution Brunch.

The Chapter was recognized for 100% participation in the Bicentennial Salute to America and took part in celebrating the Bicentennial of the Constitution and the Texas Sesquicentennial. A firm believer in genealogical research, the Chapter has presented books and other items of interest to the Dallas Public Library, the Duncanville Library, and the Grand Prairie library. We have consistently given funds to support the genealogical department of the Dallas Public Library. Member Edith Palmer, now deceased, had an extensive genealogy collection which she left to the Dallas Public Library, prompting the library to name its microfilm section for her. Knowing that our youth are the future, we have consistently supported the Three Forks of the Trinity, C.A.R.

Chapter programs have included virtually every aspect of American History, including the Presidents, First Ladies, Lewis and Clark, the American Revolution, the Korean War, the Viet Nam War, Valley Forge, the Constitution, and the Marquis de Lafayette. We have always provided financial support to the DAR Schools, the President General's Project, and American veterans.

George Blakey - Bonham

The George Blakey Chapter was organized Februrary 22, 1953, by Mrs. Paul Keahey. The Chapter was named for the great-great grandfather of the Organizing Regent.

During the period 1975-2000, The George Blakely Chapter donated the *List of Emigrants to America 1600-1700*, by John Camden Hatten to the DAR Library. Mrs. Mary Lou Kissinger attended the 98th Continental Congress. Elizabeth Ellinger received an award for 3,750 volunteer hours at the Sam Rayburn VA Hospital. Mrs. Mary Lou Kissinger represented the DAR at the Dedication Ceremony and Unveiling of Sam Rayburn Sculpture Plaza, at the Sam Rayburn Library in Bonham. The Chapter celebrated its 40th Anniversary. In honor of Flag Day, the Chapter placed small flags on stands at each bedside of patients at the Sam Rayburn VA, and Sharon Bennett, National VAVS Officer, honored Elizabeth Ellinger for 28 years of Volunteer services at the hospital. A Medallion was placed on the grave of Bernice Hill Beaty, at the Willow Wild Cemetery in Bonham and the grave of Okla Caylor, at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Whitewright. Patrick Ryan Turner, a senior at Honey Grove ISD, was selected as Good Citizen. Members attended a President's Day Tea at the Joseph Ligon Chapter in Paris, Texas.

The Jubilation Choir, consisting of 21 elementary students from the Honey Grove ISD under the direction of Myra Lloyd-Rodgers, performed at the 100th TSDAR State Conference in Dallas. The Chapter donated funds to Bacone College for its 119th anniversary. The Sam Rayburn VA honored Mrs. Elizabeth Ellinger as a 30-year Volunteer and giving 4,072 hours. Mrs. Judy Rowton, Secretary to Representative Ralph Hall, gave a program on the 212th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. A Millennium Tree Planting Ceremony was held at the Willow Wild Cemetery. Miss Martha Freeman was selected to be registered in the NSDAR "Book of Remembrance." A program was given on George Washington, titled "Some Personal Facts." Mrs. Margie Stewart, Mrs. Mary Jo Barbee, and Mrs. Flo Odom, attended the 101st TSDAR Conference in San Antonio, where Nathan Lee, a 6th grader at Honey Grove ISD, was selected 3rd place State winner of the American History Essay contest. Jared Treadway, a senior at Honey Grove ISD was selected as Good Citizen. Mrs. Stewart attended the 109th Continental Congress.



Bernardo de Galvez, who supplied cattle from Texas to his troops in Louisiana during the American Revolution



George W. Kendall, ca. 1848

George W. Kendall - Boerne

The George W. Kendall Chapter was organized February 5, 2000. The Organizing Regent was Mrs. George R. Lipe. Organizing members were Mrs. Harvey Adam, Mrs. Timothy V. Alford, Mrs. Adrian Joseph Anderson, Mrs. Alan J. Apicella, Mrs. Rodney E. Bemus, Mrs. John E. Cannon, Mrs. Joe Danchak, Mrs. Ben Davis, Mrs. Harry Dell, Mrs. Clint Isley, Mrs. John P. Kelly, Mrs. George R. Lipe, Mrs. James C. McCrary, Mrs. Roy M. Priest, and Mrs. Charles White.

The Chapter was named to honor George W. Kendall, founder of the *New Orleans Picayune* and pioneer Texas sheepman. He joined the Texas Santa Fe Expedition in 1841 and volunteered with Captain Ben McCulloch's Texas Ranger Company in the Mexican War of 1846. His dispatches from that war made him the world's first war correspondent. In the 1850s, he entered into the Texas sheep business. In 1861, he and his wife moved to Post Oak Ranch just outside of Boerne. The greatest innovation Kendall gave the sheep industry was crossbreeding the Mexican Churro ewes with the fine fleeced Merino rams, to produce a new strain with the stamina needed for the Texas Hill Country, thus earning his place as the "Father of the Texas sheep industry." Kendall was a one-man chamber of commerce and responsible for many people settling in Texas.

In September of 2000, the Chapter presented a large, bound volume of Kendall's *Narrative of the Texan Santa Fe Expedition* to the Boerne Library, thus establishing a tradition of giving a book to the library yearly. It also presented a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol to the new school that had just been named for George W. Kendall. Plans for the coming year included presenting framed copies of the Kendall painting to the Kendall School and to the County Commissioners for the Kendall County Courthouse, as well as for planting trees in honor of veterans and the Revolutionary patriots of our members.

The New Orleans Picayune was one of the first American newspapers produced cheaply enough that the common man could afford to buy it. As its fame and Kendall's grew, it was widely read in cities such as New York and Washington.

George Washington - Galveston

The George Washington Chapter was organized June 17, 1895, by Mrs. Sydney T. Fontaine. In 1976, as part of the Bicentennial celebration, the George Washington Chapter placed a Texas historical marker at the site of the Seeligson home where the Chapter was founded.

Over the years, the Chapter has assisted in several DAR historical projects. On February 22, 1932, we planted an oak tree and placed a plaque at the Public Health Hospital in Galveston to commemorate George Washington's 200th Birthday. In July 1981, the plaque was recovered and rededicated. In 1986, the Chapter assisted in hosting the placement of the Bernardo de Galvez plaque for the opening of the renovated Hotel Galvez. The event was attended by Mrs. Nancy Tiner, Vice-President General from Texas. In 1996, the Chapter marked the grave of a founding chapter member, Laura Ballinger Randall (1863-1955).

"The Ladies Who Brought DAR to Texas"

The George Washington Chapter continues to promote patriotism, education, and citizenship. Constitution Week is observed with displays in Galveston County schools and public buildings, with proclamations from the mayors, and with media announcements. At the annual February George Washington tea, the DAR Good Citizens from area high schools are recognized and entertained along with the American History Essay winners. The outstanding American History Teacher is also presented. The Susie Slaughter Fund has provided several nursing scholarships. The Chapter continues its service to veterans at the VA Hospital in Houston. Genealogical material has been sent to NSDAR and to TSDAR. The genealogical reference section of Rosenberg Library contains many gifts from Chapter members. The book, *Register of Veterans of All Wars,* was prepared by Rosemary Fritz and Dorothy Peterson and given to TSDAR.

The Chapter has hosted or assisted in hosting several Division meetings, workshops, and state conferences. Members have served as both State and National officers and chairmen. The George Washington Chapter's most notable celebrations were the 75th anniversary tea in 1970, the 100th anniversary coffee for NSDAR in 1990, and the 100th anniversary tea in 1995. Appropriately featured at the 100th anniversary tea held at Rosenberg Library in Galveston, was the book, *The Ladies Who Brought DAR to Texas.*



The Hotel Galvez, location of the Bernardo de Galvez Plaque



Goose Creek Chapter celebrates Flag Day.

Goose Creek and John Lewis - Baytown

For many years, Baytown had two DAR chapters: Goose Creek and John Lewis. The John Lewis Chapter, organized March 16, 1955, was named for the Revolutionary ancestor of the organizing Regent, Mrs. Hamlet I. Davis. The Chapter remained active until 1999, when it merged with Goose Creek. The John Lewis Regents for the period were Mrs. Adrien F. Drouilhet; Mrs. W.H. Schweitzer; Mrs. Burton Burrus; Mrs. John M. Shearer; Mrs. Olin Buz Canon; Mrs. William H. Bridges; Mrs. Charles Gates (two terms); finally, Mrs. John T. Wheeler served 1993-1997, when she unexpectedly died and Vice-Regent Shirley Gentry (Mrs. Tom) served out her term.

The Goose Creek Chapter was formed in 1971 and was named for one of the three small towns which became Baytown in 1948. The Goose Creek Chapter Regents for 1975-2000 were Mrs. J. M. Benson; Mrs. E.O. Reichenau; Mrs. E.L. McCullough; Mrs. John Garrett; Mrs. C. N. Forsvall; Mrs. Harold Smith; Mrs. Wilson Hunt; Mrs. Katherine Yates; Mrs. Warner D. Ellis; Mrs. George Schaeffer; Mrs. George Phillips became Regent in 1997 and served two terms.

On February 1, 1999, the two chapters merged after a great deal of behind-the-scenes work and consultation with state leaders, retaining the name Goose Creek. Ann Phillips, Regent of the Goose Creek Chapter, presided at the meeting. Caroline Ryals, the State Organizing Secretary, led the merger ceremony.

Prior to the merger each chapter had presented Good Citizen Awards at two area high schools. After the merger, the new Goose Creek Chapter presented the award to all four high schools: Robert E. Lee and Ross Sterling in Baytown, Baytown Christian Academy in Baytown, and Barbers Hill High School in Mont Belvieu. Also in the tradition of service, the Chapter has expanded its work to include the American History contest in the lower grades. Our Chapter also gives to the Veterans Hospital in Houston at Christmas, and gives small scholarships to grandchildren and children of our members at the end of their high school academic career.



Greater Dallas - Dallas

The Greater Dallas Chapter was organized on December 7, 1977, with 40 charter members. The organizing Regent was Mrs. Horace J. Kittrell (Margaret). Chapter officers were installed by State Regent, Mrs. Georgia Edman, in the home of Mrs. Kittrell. The Chapter name was selected by Mrs. Kittrell to acknowledge the history, size, and breadth of the Dallas community. She chose the organizing date, December 7th, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, to honor the memory of service men and women who gave their lives in defense of our country. Mrs. Kittrell was a State Officer and honored as a 50-year member of NSDAR before her death in 1991. A memorial service was held in 1996 at her gravesite, with the placement of a DAR marker in honor of all deceased members. Her legacy continues through the work of her twin daughters.

Our Chapter has worked hard and won many National and State awards over the years, including the Gold Honor Roll. Our banner, featuring an original design, is a standout at all functions. Our monthly newsletter helps keep each member informed about Chapter news and events. Several members have served on State committees and have attended Continental Congress in Washington, D.C.

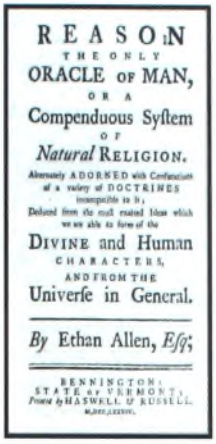
Members who have tenures of 25 years or more include: Mrs. Harriett Kittrell Gordon, Ms. Hannah Kittrell McDaniel, Mrs. Nancy Best Van Deuren, Mrs. Myra Best Glass, Mrs. Jeanette Heermans Kloppe, Jr., Mrs. Mary Lou Sessions Lewis, Mrs. Charlotte Currie Graham, Mrs. Nancy Herrington Bagwell, Mrs. Ann Clark Diener, Mrs. Rochelle Russell Walker, Mrs. Margaret Van Noy Davis, and Ms. Martha Arnold Stillwell.

Past regents of Greater Dallas DAR include: Mrs. Horace J. Kittrell (Margaret) 1977-1978; Mrs. Paul Diener (Ann) 1978-1980; Mrs. Thomas Fowler (Ruth) 1980-1982; Mrs. Clarence B. Kloppe, Jr. (Jeanette) 1982-1984; Ms. Hannah K. McDaniel 1984-1986; Mrs. Joe Edwin Graham (Charlotte) 1986-1988; Mrs. William Rowland Edwards, Sr. (Mildred) 1988-1990; Mrs. Jay W. Arthur (Sidney) 1990-1993; Mrs. Joe Keith Gordon (Harriett) 1993-1995; Mrs. James Stark Ostler (Judy) 1995-1997; Mrs. Ronald Paul Bordelon (Meg) 1997-1999; and Mrs. Milton Charles Pokladnik (Pat) 1999-2001.



Front row (l-r): Jeanette Kloppe, Mildred Edwards, Charlotte Graham; back row (l to r): Pat Pokladnik, Meg Bordelon, Judy Ostler, Harriet Gordon, Hannah McDaniel




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Green Mountain Boys - San Antonio

The Green Mountain Boys Chapter was organized on June 4, 1981, by Mrs. James Chapman and 25 organizing members. Its name honored Chapman's ancestor, Moses Sperry, one of the Vermont patriots organized by Ethan Allen. The Green Mountain Boys fought in the Revolution and provided services such as sorties to suppress insurrections, searches for Tories and investigations of alarms to the north.

Regents during 1975-2000 were the following: Mrs. James Chapman (1981-1983); Mrs. Charles Carson, Jr. (1983-1985); Mrs. C.A. Beall, Jr. (1985-1987); Mrs. Albert Metts, Jr. (1987-1989); Mrs. Horace Scott (1989-1993); Mrs. Harold Froehmer (1993-1995); Mrs. John Wilmeth (1995-1999); and Mrs. John Rees (1999-2001).

The Chapter has sponsored the Denny Anderson Society C.A.R. since 1989, and the Robert G. Cole Scholarship since 1995. Cole High School was named in memory of Cole, a Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient KIA at Normandy. He was the husband of Allie Mae Beall.

The Chapter has given excellence in Community Service Awards to the following: Robert & Marion Whiting, Volunteers in Child Advocacy (pre-1999); David & Jane Jayne, Cofounders, Texas Burn Services (1999); and Justin Gaar, Organizer, flood relief, Texas Valley (1999). The Chapter presented U.S. flags to Huebner Oaks Elementary in 1997, and to East Terrell Hills Elementary. The Chapter sponsors the Good Citizen awards, having sponsored one State winner (St. Mary's Hall) and one second place winner. We also have given an American History Essay and Junior American Citizen Awards, and provide service for our Veteran patients. Members have served as chairs in state and national committees, including the Chapter Achievement Awards, Texas Military Awards and Genealogical Records committees.

Current membership is 64. There are three retired military members: Delia Brister, E-3, USAF, Betty Workman Carter, Lt. Col, USAF, and Helen Ketring, Lt. Col. U.S. Army Nurse Corp. The Chapter is a member of the San Antonio Area Regent's Council.

Guadalupe Victoria- Victoria

The Guadalupe Victoria Chapter Charter was signed 15 September, 1934, with Genevieve Power Stevenson (Mrs. J. W.) as Organizing Regent. There were 14 charter members. The Chapter's name is taken from the original land grant given to Martin de Leon for his colony in 1824. The town was first named Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe de Jesus y Victoria, "Our Lady of the Guadalupe and Victoria," but was later shortened to Victoria. From this we have the Guadalupe Victoria Chapter. In 1959, Mrs. Stevenson deeded her home to the three historical and patriotic organizations of which she was a member. Regular meetings of this Chapter and other events are held in this home.

Dedicated members who have held the office of Regent from 1975-2000 are: Mesdames A. N. Leatherwood (1974-1976 and 1982-1984), J.S. Stiles (1976-1978), H. D. Clark (1978-1980), J. B. Wilson (1980-1982), R. B. Gilliam (1984-1986), King Fisher (1986-1988), Albert M. Claxton (1988-1990), Craig Bade (1990-1992), Ronald H. Guertin (1992-1994), Robert F. Smith, III (1994-1996), Jack Richard Pickle (1996-1998), Golden C. O. Jackson (1998-2000), and Joseph R. Michel 2000-2002.

The Guadalupe Victoria Chapter is involved in projects dedicated to Education, Historic Preservation and Patriotism on the local, State and National levels. Programs sponsored or participated in include the annual American History Essay contest for area students; Good Citizen Award, Scholarship Essay Contest for high school seniors; service to Veteran Patients and work with adult literacy programs. The Chapter encouraged the observance of Constitution Week, donated books to libraries, donated United States and Texas Flags, and contributed to the DAR Schools and American Indian schools.

An annual scholarship is given to a deserving student at Victoria College and the DAR Bronze Medal is awarded to an outstanding senior student in the Junior ROTC Program. Outstanding achievements for 1998-2000 include a graveside ceremony with a DAR Marker Dedication, the re-organization of the Shadrack Barnes Society, C.A.R., and the design and publication of the first Guadalupe Victoria Chapter Website. In addition, members are also active in Victoria area history, preservation, research in genealogy, parades and patriotic events, and in many areas of community service.



Mrs. J. W. Stevenson, Organizing Regent

We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately.

Benjamin Franklin
At the signing of the Declaration of Independence
July 4, 1776

Henry Downs - Waco

The Henry Downs Chapter participated in Veteran's Day parades, visited the Waco VA Medical Center on a weekly basis, and volunteered in Veteran's activities. In February, members help judge entries in the annual Heart of Texas History Fair held on the Baylor University campus. One year, we presented 17 Good Citizens Awards to high school seniors in Waco and surrounding communities. ROTC medals are given out every year. We award scholarships to Baylor University. In 1985, the Chapter distributed copies of the U. S. Declaration of Independence to every junior high and high school in the Waco area. In 1999, our Youth VA Volunteer Scott Vaughn won State and was National winner at Continental Congress in 2000. Our American History nominee, Cindy Britt, won State. Chapter members have copied 75 Bible records, presenting them to Waco McLennan County Library and the DAR Library. We have donated several genealogy books to our county library.

In 1975, we donated $200 to the Waco Beautification Project. With an eye toward the future, in 1976, the Chapter helped form a second Waco chapter, Elizabeth Gordon Bradley Chapter. In 1976, we donated $1,000 for historic Indian Spring Park and later participated in its dedication. We took part in the City of Waco's celebration of the Texas Sesquicentennial. In 1988, we presented an American burial flag for the opening of the Daniel Historical Village, Baylor University. We also gave the DAR Medal of Honor to Calvin Smith, Director of the Strecker Museum and head of Baylor University's Museum Studies department.

Chapter Regents for 1975-2000 have included Mrs. Howel W. Woodfin, Mrs. Chester A. Howell, Mrs. Richard E. Walker, Mrs. James B. Escue, Mrs. George G. Clark, Miss Mary Clayton, Mrs. Robert R. Mangum, Sr., Mrs. Robert L. McKinney, Jr., Mrs. Lyndon L. Olson, Sr., Mrs. George G. Clark, Mrs. Robert B. Winston, Mrs. John L. Bates, Jr., Mrs. Robert J. Morgan.

We celebrated our 75th anniversary in 1975 with a Silver Tea. Our 80th anniversary was a luncheon with members dressed in colonial costumes. In 2000, the Chapter began making plans for celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2001.

Highland Park - Highland Park

American Revolutionary War Patriots and their descendants became part of the great American expansion westward. Rivers and streams were their highways, high lands their preferred settlements. They gave meaningful, appropriate names to places and sights they established. Those finding this area envisioned a way of life and abodes for future generations. On high land near banks of a stream which early pioneers called Turtle Creek, homesteads were built. The natural landscape nestled in woods offering idyllic park-like settings amid grassland prairies. Highland Park derives its name from its location on the highest land in Dallas County; also, 20% of its land is designated parklands. On Highland Park's Town Council Chamber walls are these words:

"A haven for home and fireside; Undisturbed by conflict of commercial or political interest," The Function of Government in Highland Park is protection of the Home. Citizens who cherish their homes Will vigilantly preserve their heritage of self-government.

In keeping with the NSDAR Motto: God, Home, and Country, it is fitting that our Chapter carry the name "Highland Park," commemorating the community established on land designed by God, dedicated to protection of Home, and preserving the heritage of self-government which made our country great.

On June 8, 1984, the Highland Park Chapter was established. Seventy-six Organizing Members were confirmed by the National Board of Management NSDAR at a luncheon meeting in the home of Organizing Regent, Mrs. Walter Harold Stephens, in Highland Park.

The patriotic ceremony and officer installation was attended by 120 guests including representatives of National and State Societies of the DAR. Mrs. Bernie Chesley McCrea, National Chairman, President General's Project, NSDAR, and Regent of Abigail Ann Berry Chesley Chapter, Abilene, presided and conducted the installation of officers.

Regents of the Chapter for 1975 to 2000 include the following: Patricia Love Stephens, 1984-1986; Helen Burleson Kelso (Mrs. S. Nolan), 1986-1988; Carolyn Herndon, 1988-1990; Tacy B.-P. Ikeda,1990-1992; Mary K. Ellisor (Mrs. Grover), 1992-1994; Grace Fisher DeuPree (Mrs. C. Lamar), 1994-1996; Mary Carolyn Trent, 1996-1998; Patricia Love Stephens, 1997-2001; and in December 2000, Sandra Powell Mailandt (Mrs. Peter), accepted Regency for the next four years.



Maureen Baker, Sandra Powell Mailandt, Jane Power



THOMAS JEFFERSON

Isaac Gilbert - Kingsville

The Isaac Gilbert Chapter of Kingsville was organized February 1, 1937, in the home of Regent Mrs. Grove C. Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy's ancestor, Isaac Gilbert, was chosen for the Chapter's name in order to honor Mrs. Kennedy for her untiring efforts in organizing the Chapter.

The following served as Regent from 1975-2000: Mrs. Katherine Kantz, 1972-1976; Mrs. Emma Van Lanningham, 1978-1980; Mrs. Ann Hayes (elected, but unable to serve); Mrs. Ben Martin, 1980-1982; Mrs. Milton Kimball, 1982-1986; Mrs. Nelson Sharpe, 1986-1990; Mrs. John Kelly, 1990-1992; Mrs. Robert Alvarez, 1992-1994; Mrs. Gary Lipscomb, 1994-1998; Mrs. Patrick Hubert, 1998-2000.

Two of our members have been honored with 50-year certificates: Mrs. W. T. Kay and Mrs. Milton Kimball. Mrs. Kimball has served as Registrar for all but three years of the Chapter's lifetime, when she moved to Houston to care for an ill grandchild. Mrs. Kimball has been instrumental in certifying members using her expertise in genealogy.

The Chapter has awarded the DAR Good Citizen Medal and scholarship every year, often to four different high schools. These awards are presented at a DAR Tea where parents, grandparents, and teachers are invited. Cake and punch are served and the recipients read their essays written for the scholarship award. The essay is submitted to the local newspaper where it is published for the community to read.

The Chapter has also awarded ROTC Medals to two high schools and also to the Texas A&M University ROTC Department. These awards are given at the end of the year when the ROTC units grant their awards and scholarships to deserving students. Students, parents, teacher, and local officials take part in the ceremonies at the local Naval Air Station.

When the community has Fourth of July Celebrations, the Chapter distributes The Flag Code and also copies of the U. S. Constitution. Twice a year, on July 4th and during December prior to Christmas, the Chapter remembers veterans with cards and presents, especially those veterans in nursing homes.

Jacob's Well - Wimberley

The National Board of Management established the Jacob's Well Chapter of Wimberley in April 1992. It is one of two chapters in Hays County, Texas, serving the northern and western areas of the largely rural county.

The chapter name honors a unique spring in northwestern Wimberley. The spring wells up through the limestone and marl of the Hill Country created 180 million years ago. The earth's crust folded, buckled and then lifted the Edwards Plateau out of the shallow sea which originally covered Texas. As this ancient sea dried up, its deposits created a two-mile thick layer of limestone pocketed in the Wimberley area by a deep subterranean cavern. The spring emerges and fills this cavern, creating a deep pool that spills into a creek. Originally called Jacob's Well Creek, it is now known as Cypress Creek. Pioneers established the community of Wimberley where Cypress Creek flows into the Blanco River.

Originally numbering 30 charter members, the Chapter now lists 57 on its membership rolls. Five members celebrated their 25th year of DAR membership; four have observed 40 years of membership; and one has completed 60 years of membership. Chapter Regents during the anniversary period included Julia "Sally" Boddeker Ogden, Organizing Regent (1992-1993); Cassandrea Tiner Hager (1993-1995); Sarah "Casey" Jones Della Corte (1995-1997); Rosalynn Reynolds Williams (1997-1999) and Joan Andrews Meston (1999-2001). Cassandrea T. Hager was Texas and South Central Outstanding Junior. The Chapter focuses its activities on education, with particular emphasis on Constitution Day, support of veterans, and annual recognition of a citizen whose service to Wimberley has enhanced its unique village character. The Chapter's annual National Defense Luncheon over the years has presented fascinating programs, featuring various aspects of the nation's military with particular emphasis on the role of women during wartime.

Members are urged to make or acquire colonial costumes for themselves to be worn at the village Fourth of July parade, Constitution Day events, and the Annual Tea and Community Service award ceremony.



Jacobs Well - May, 1926

Photo courtesy of Wimberley Institute of Cultures



Goal of James Billingsley Chapter —
Teach our Next Generation American History

James Billingsley - Richardson

In 1988, James Billingsley member Barbara Baylis won Best of Show in the American Heritage Contest with the photograph entitled "Teach the Next Generation American History," emphasizing the Chapter's underlying theme since its organization on March 19, 1963.

Our programs educate members in current events as well as the history and defense of our country. We boast a large number of serious and well-known genealogists. Two are Registered Professional Research Specialists, one taught the family history class in continuing education at Southern Methodist University, three are former Dallas Genealogical Society Presidents, and three are Volunteer Genealogists for DAR. We have offered Genealogy Workshops for the public with over 100 in attendance. We've given lineage workshops for our members and have also traveled out of the city and even the state with these workshops. One Daughter, a public school teacher, instructs her students as to the importance of our Constitution and Bill of Rights and "rings the bells" during Constitution Week.

Chapter Daughters have served in both State and National offices. Martha Williams has served Texas as State Registrar and as State National Defense Chairman, as well as Chairman of the President General's Project and as National Vice Chairman of several committees: Programs, President General's Project, Ways & Means, and DAR Good Citizens. Her husband A. Art Williams, Jr. was a National DAR Advisor during two Administrations. Barbara Baylis served as National Vice Chairman of the President General's Project. Several other members have served as Texas State Vice Chairmen over the years.

James Billingsley has received two awards for Video Productions in Programs at National. "American Samplers, A Daughter's Collection 1790-1840" won an award, thanks to the hard work of Linda Juba who had the ABC affiliate film the production. Our second winner was Helen Klingman's "Interview with a Daughter on her Family Book," explaining how to write a family history. We've also placed in the art division at National for quilts and for a scrapbook cover.

Regents from 1975 to 2000: Mesdames Hutter, Altemus, Williams, Barr, Olivier, Hewell, Ireland, Housley, Dunn, Robertson, Mrs. Baylis, Foster, Wharton, Sekanick, Allen, Schoelerman, and Sihvonen.

James Blair - Corsicana

The James Blair Chapter was organized December 24, 1926, by Mrs. Edward M. Polk. The Chapter celebrated both its 50th anniversary and the Nation's Bicentennial in 1976. In 1989, a decorative tree was planted in a historic park in the city. In 1998, a flag flown over the Capitol was presented to Navarro College on its 50th anniversary. The genealogical collection begun by the Chapter has moved into a larger room at the public library.

The Chapter led Corsicana in celebrating the George Washington Bicentennial in 1999. Collins Middle School Band performed, and the Corsicana High School JROTC honor guard presented the colors and raised the special Washington flag on the pole outside the municipal building. Mayors of Corsicana and Dawson presented proclamations for Constitution Day in 1999, and bells were rung and news articles printed. Speeches were given at a luncheon. A flag was presented to the Woman's Club House, where Chapter meetings are held. The Chapter belongs to both Heart of Texas and Piney Woods Regents Councils. A former Chapter Regent served as President of the Piney Woods Regents Council, 1999-2000. Biannually, the Chapter holds a George Washington Tea to introduce new members and a White Breakfast other years to install officers.

The Chapter conducts a yearly history essay contest and honors participants with certificates and pins. DAR Good Citizens are selected from seniors in high school and certificates and pins are awarded. JROTC medals are presented each year, and a Community Service Award was given in 1999. The Chapter has donated clothing, magazines, books and money to Veterans Hospitals. Donations have also been made regularly to DAR schools and to the Tamassee Friendship Cottage renovation. The Chapter Regent attended both State Conference and Continental Congress in 2000. The Chapter sent names for the memorial book in Washington. Members fly the flag and participate in recycling. News articles are printed after each meeting and on many holidays. Donations go to the DAR Magazine for pictures each year.

Members with 50 or more years in 2000 are Frances Breithaupt, Billie Love McFerran, Margaret Ruth, Mary Love Sanders, Martha Spikes, Mary Ann Stroube, Byron Waddell, and Angie Willard.



Some 50+-year members at the George Washington Tea in 1997:
back row (l-r): Billie Love McFerran, Mary Ann
Stroube, Mary Love Sanders, Martha Spikes;
front row (l-r): Laura Johnston, Clara Wheelock.



Members of the James Campbell Chapter

James Campbell - Dallas

Named for the Scots ancestor on whose service Mrs. Albert E. Hudspeth, Organizing Regent, qualified for membership in DAR, the James Campbell Chapter was organized on October 19, 1952, and confirmed by the National Board the following December. James Campbell, a patriot from New York, was descended from Colin Mohr Campbell, knighted in 1280. His son married Lady Mary Bruce, sister of Robert the Bruce. Campbell mottoes are "*I scarce call these deeds of our ancestors ours*" and "*Do not forget.*"

The Chapter has retained a membership of over 100 during the last 25 years. Scholarships are awarded each year to Abilene Christian College, Dallas Theological Seminary, and Howard Payne University. In 1975, trees were planted to beautify Bryan Street east of old St. Paul Hospital. A Liberty Love Tea was held in 1986 to collect funds to restore the Statue of Liberty. Also, the Chapter donated 85 chairs and two flags to Old City Park. In 1988, our Chapter joined other chapters in rededicating revolutionary graves with an Historical Marker at the Daniel Family Cemetery on Airline Road near Southern Methodist University.

In 1989, The Medal of Honor was given to Ron Cowart, local police officer, for his work in the "East Dallas Store Front" and organizing an Asian Scout troop. He was honored at a "Bill of Rights" luncheon. In 1990, Chapter members attended a ceremony in Old City Park in which Asians became citizens. During the years 1990-1992, when Mrs. J. Winston Ball ("Marion") was Regent, the Chapter entertained President General Marie Yochim, and Honorary Presidents General Sarah King and Ann Fleck. In 1993, James Campbell sponsored Alisha Lybrand, a 5th grade student who won the State American History Essay contest, and who in 1994, won the 6th grade State contest as well. Alisha was honored at State Conference both years. Dressed in early century costumes, members celebrated "NSDAR Century of Service to the Nation." ROTC and Good Citizenship Medals are awarded each year in our designated high schools. Yearly, members contribute comfort items and deliver them to the Dallas Veteran's Hospital in December.



James Hardage Lane I - Houston

The James Hardage Lane I Chapter was formed in Houston, Texas, April 1977, with 34 organizing and Charter Members and was named for the ancestor of the Chapter Organizing Regent, Mrs. William T. (Patricia Mattern) Stephens. The Chapter, small (but very active) has flourished with excellent informative, vibrant, educational programs and activities in members' homes. Mrs. Stephens was assisted in organizing the Chapter by Mrs. Hugh E. (Virginia Lewis) Fogle.

James Hardage Lane I, a native of colonial Westmoreland County, Virginia, was born in 1735 and married Mary Jane Smith in 1758. As Captain of the Loudoun County, Virginia, militia during the Revolutionary War, he was awarded land for his patriotic service, providing supplies and care for the families of men in forces.

Through the years 1977-2000, with outstanding leadership from Chapter Regents, monies we raised at Fiesta Luncheons and Unique Boutiques and by making DAR stitchery kits have provided an annual $500 scholarship for a deserving senior at Houston's St. Thomas Episcopal School. Annual American History Essay contests were held for elementary and middle school students. Junior American Citizen awards were given, as were numerous ROTC medals for deserving area high school and college students. Monthly National Defense programs, a French Alliance luncheon, couples catered and pot luck Christmas dinners (the "Real Meaning of Christmas" themes), auctions, historical road trips, and dressing in vintage attire are memorable events. A favored speaker was Congressman John Culberson of Houston. "Show and Tell" was always a fun time for members to bring a favorite family heirloom antique . . . and brag about it.

The Chapter provided cookies and punch, ditty bags, personal needs kits, and service to the Veterans Administration Hospital, as well as generous contributions to the State and National DAR, the DAR schools (collecting hundreds of soup labels!), the State Regent's Project and the Presidents General's Project. A chair was given to Continental Congress. Many members have attended and participated in Fall Forum, State Conference and Continental Congress, receiving recognition and many achievement certificates. Chapter Regents were active in the Houston Area Regents' Council, and many members have attended and decorated for Houston's Constitution Week and Flag Day luncheons.



"All history and every age exhibit instances of patriotic virtue in the female sex; which considering our situation equals the most heroic of yours."

Abigail Adams to John Adams, June 17, 1782



Members (l-r) Shirley Melbert Roper, Mary Wathen White, Lynnette Ripley Faulkner.

James McHenry - San Antonio

The James McHenry Chapter was organized in San Antonio on December 5, 1986, with meetings on Saturday to accommodate young mothers and professional women who could not attend weekday meetings. The chapter organized with 28 members, some by application, some who had moved from Alamo Chapter to "at-large" status, and some by transfer from other chapters. Shirley Melbert Roper (Mrs. George M., Jr.) was the Organizing Regent. She was assisted by Lynnette Ripley Faulkner (Mrs. Virgil W.), and Mary Wathen White (Mrs. Robert M.), both of whom followed her as Chapter Regents. Other Regents were Frances Condra Pryor (Mrs. Edward G.), and Martha Valliant McLain (Mrs. D. Dean). The current (2000) membership is 64. Since organization, we have lost 10 of our members to their Maker.

We expect to be around for a long time, exhibiting patriotism, providing education, and promoting preservation of our heritage.

The Chapter participates in the San Antonio Area Regents Council, attending George Washington Birthday, Flag Day, and Constitution Week luncheons. We strongly support DAR Schools and Veterans, annually delivering a minimum of 25 handmade lap robes to the Hospice wing of the local VA Hospital. We are very proud to have one member who is active-duty military and two members who are retired military.

We cosponsor the Denny Anderson Society C.A.R. and one member has served as a Senior State Officer of T.S.C.A.R. Society. We award JROTC and Good Citizenship medals, participate in conservation projects, attend Naturalization ceremonies, and encourage our Juniors. Varied and interesting programs from within and outside of the community have kept the members interested and attendance has always been good, whether the meetings were held in homes, at churches, libraries, or restaurants.

Like the Baltimore fort named for James McHenry, we expect to be around for a long time, exhibiting patriotism, providing education, and promoting preservation of our heritage.

James Tull - Humble

James Tull Chapter, NSDAR, was organized in Humble, Texas on February 1, 1972, with 46 members, and was sponsored by the Ann Poage Chapter of Houston. The Organizing Regent was Mrs. Justus (Nina) Smith. The Chapter was named for her ancestor, Sergeant James Tull of Maryland.

The James Tull Chapter organized the Daniel Hill Society, NSCAR, in December 1972. It sponsored the following NSDAR chapters: San Jacinto Chapter of Tomball and the Lady Houston Chapter of Kingwood. Along with the Humble Area Bicentennial Committee, the Chapter hosted the Peace Officers Appreciation Day Reception for Area Officers in 1975. Projects evolving from this committee included fundraising for the Humble Museum, which opened on July 4, 1976, and the publication of *A History of Humble*. In 1977, Chapter member Peggy Davis designed the artwork adopted by the City of Humble as its Official Seal. Other Chapter publications include Bible Records, James Tull Chapter; Cooking Along the San Jacinto; Humble School Records; and Humble Heritage Cookbook.

In 1978, the Chapter conducted genealogy seminars, resulting in the formation of the Humble Genealogy Society. Since 1980, the Chapter has presented DAR and its objectives yearly at the Humble Good Oil Days celebrations. In 1983, the Chapter presented State and National Flags to the City of Humble for the new Criminal Justice Building, both flags having been flown over their respective Capitol Buildings. In 1993, the Chapter participated in the dedication of an Official State of Texas Historical Marker for the Humble Cemetery. On June 17, 1995, 22 members attended a banquet in Galveston commemorating 100 years of DAR in Texas. To honor women veterans, the Chapter hosted a reception attended by more than 200 lady veterans, their families, and friends in 1996. In 1997, the Chapter celebrated 25 years of DAR service by purchasing a chair in Constitution Hall and holding a tea honoring Past Regents. In 2000, the Chapter sponsored the state winner of the DAR Americanism Medal, Dr. Thomas Horvath, Chief of Staff of the Veterans Medical Center, Houston, Texas.



James Tull Chapter's 25th Anniversary



Continental DAR House at Fair Park Campus

Jane Douglas - Dallas

Spanning three centuries, Jane Douglas Chapter enters the 21st with the strength and confidence of American Revolution Patriots whose spirit this Chapter honors. Meetings are held in the beautiful colonial style Continental DAR House at Fair Park Campus in Dallas, which is open to the public during State Fair of Texas and hosted more than a half million visitors 1975-2000. Visitors learn about American history and education/preservation through poster displays, historical flags, patriotic videos, musical presentations, and authentically costumed hostesses. NSDAR membership information is offered.

America's Bicentennial was highlighted during the 1976 State Fair hosting 37,000 visitors; DAR Manual for Citizenship was furnished to new American citizens. Two Jeanette Baldwin Stanberry Scholarships were awarded 1978. The Chapter's 1980 Documentary Film won First Prize at National. Two Presidents General were honored at Chapter Receptions: Mrs. Sarah M. King (1982) and Mrs. Marie Hirst Yochim (1991). A tree was planted at Veteran's Administration's Nursing home in 1986. A special recognition was awarded from Dallas Park & Recreation Department for Community Outreach Program at Fannie C. Harris Elementary in 1992.

The Chapter's Centennial Celebration was held with fanfare in 1995, and TSDAR honored fourteen JDC 50+ year members, including 74-year member Christine Violet Teagarden Gilbert. The Hon. Eddie Bernice Johnson paid tribute to Jane Douglas Chapter for significantly promoting Constitution Week [1995 U.S. House Congressional Record E-1469-E1470]. Six hundred dollars was donated to Fannie C. Harris Elementary in 1996. Over 1,000 books added to the Chapter's prestigious Elizabeth Wright Library's genealogical and historical collection during 1999. The nationally renowned Chapter House Exposition of African American Patriots held during 2000 State Fair and Mary Hall Marshall awarded NSDAR's coveted "Unity of Sprit Award."

Regents 1975-2000: Dorothy Horton McNabb (1974-1976); Newel Cochran Reed (1976-1978); Elizabeth Ann Wright (1978-1980); Neva Herd Starkey (1980-1984); Duane Webster Martin (1984-1986); Martha Barris Patterson (1986-1988); Helen Freeman Taylor 1988-1990); Renee Jackson Smith (1990-1992); Mary Lucille James McKellar (1992-1994); Elda Blanton Mitchell (1994-1996); Sarah Valkus Coursey (1996-1998); Beverly Teddlie Whittington (1998-2000); Dorothy Odom Bruce (2000-2002).

Jane Long - Pasadena

Named for the Mother of Texas, the Jane Long Chapter, organized February 1, 1973, had doubled its membership to 34 by 1975. Under Regent Clerabelle Wells, what the Chapter lacked in numbers it made up for in enthusiasm. A strong commitment to service was quickly established. The first of many Gold Honor Roll Awards was received in 1983.

During the Bicentennial, members, decked out in colonial dress, participated in several local and state celebrations. Trees representing the original 13 Colonies were planted in a local park, and the Colonies' battle flags, made by members, were put on display. The Mary James Long Society of C.A.R., sponsored by Jane Long, was organized in 1977 by Loretta Burns. In 1979, the Society won the TSCAR traveling plaque and was a host chapter for the 1987 State Convention. Although the C.A.R. Society later disbanded, the Chapter continues its support of C.A.R. While receiving many State and National awards, the Chapter also participated in community activities, neighbor beautification projects, and supported the Bridge, a local domestic violence shelter. An antique quilt was donated to the Texas Room, and we sponsored an ad in the *DAR Magazine* featuring our ancestors. Jenny Fairfield was instrumental in getting safe parking for the Clayton Genealogical Library.

In 1980, our Chapter joined the Houston Area Regents Council. The first Jane Long Chapter Scholarship was awarded in 1999. We have been committed to DAR Schools, and along with the dedication of Marie Russell and other National Defense Chairmen, to the LOTC, ROTC, and Veterans. Our World War II Memorial Challenge Committee honored 125 veterans, donating $1,225 to the NSDAR "Book of Remembrance," and Ladean Bowman most admirably chaired the new Korean War Commemorative Community Committee.

This century's last regent, Imogene Pulleine, fulfilled one of her chief aims— that of finding an appropriate home for the Battle Flags of the 13 original Colonies. San Jacinto College Central was selected and the flags now reside on the walls of the Texas Room in the Lee Davis Library. We have served well over the past 25 years and look forward to even greater service in the new Millennium.



Standing: Past Regents Martha Findley, Dona Page, Regent Imogene Pulleine, Past Regents Frances Yeargin and Marie Russell Front Row: Past Regents Susan Armstrong, Loretta Burns and Marie Kuhlman.



John Abston - McKinney

"My name is John Abston. I am a Revolutionary soldier buried in Texas. A volunteer in the army from Virginia, in 1780 at l8 I fought in the decisive Battle of King's Mountain. After the war I moved with my son's family to Collin County, Texas." Abston's gravesite near Lavon is marked by SAR, DAR and the State of Texas.

A local chapter of the DAR, named after John Abston, was chartered October 1975, with Ollyne Yantis Bailey, Regent. Growing from its beginning of 20 members, in 2000 the Chapter had 100 members (including a direct descendant of Abston). The Chapter continues its influence in the surrounding area. Meetings are held in McKinney's historic Heard-Craig House. To maintain and preserve principles of freedom in the community has been one goal of the John Abston Chapter. Observing Constitution Week with proclamations and exhibits in local libraries, displaying US Flags and presenting flags to schools, writing letters to editors of newspapers, and holding genealogical and parliamentary workshops are ongoing activities.

"My name is John Abston.
I am a Revolutionary soldier buried in Texas."

The Chapter honors local winners of American History and Good Citizen competitions. Special recognition was given to DAR Medal of Honor recipient, Helen Hall, and to DAR Community Service Award recipient, Ginny Beverly. Honor Roll and Chapter Achievement guidelines have been followed for budget, program and chapter planning. Members are encouraged to attend Fall Forum, TSDAR Conference and Continental Congress. Members learn about and support DAR schools and NSDAR programs.

Regents during 1975-2000 were: Ollyne Yantis Bailey (1975-1977); Martha Waide Schubert (1977-1979); Helen Hammack Thomas (1979-1981); Jeanette Corry McCraw (1981-1983); Rita Bickley Roose (1983-1985); Carol Baskin Tatum (1985-1987); Lynn Noecker Sperry (1987-1989); Carol Baskin Tatum (1989-1991); Virginia Sumrall Thompson (1991-1993); Nancy Bush Morian (1993-1995); Mary Ann Kerby Miller (1995-1997); Virginia Sumrall Thompson (1997-1999); Carolyn Younger Underwood (1999-2001).

John B. Denton - Sanger

The John B. Denton Chapter in Denton County was named for the preacher, lawyer and soldier who came to Texas in 1836. He was killed at Village Creek Indian Fight in 1841 at the age of 35 and is buried on the Courthouse Square in Denton. The Chapter was confirmed on April 16, 1980, with 15 members, at the Sanger home of Organizing Regent, Mrs. Paxton H. Gray.

Mrs. Gray was followed as regent by Denton charter member, Mrs. James C. Vaughn (Georgiana), 1983-1985; Mrs. R. N. Gregg (Rosalie), Decatur, 1985-1987; Mrs. J. T. McCarroll (Billie Jean), Slidell, 1987-1989; Mrs. Kerry Don Ogle (Joyce), Decatur, 1989-1991; Mrs. Cecil Hugh Pegues (Sally), Decatur, 1991-1993; Mrs. Patricia Odett Hobbs, Bowie, 1993-1995; Mrs. Olan T. Gnoch (Jennie), Sanger, 1996-1997; Mrs. Fred P. Hodge (Virginia), Sanger, 1997-1999; Mrs. Cecil Hugh Pegues (Sally), Decatur, 1997-1999; Mrs. Fred P. Hodge (Virginia), Sanger 1999-2001.

Because a majority of the 37 members live in Wise County, meetings are held at the Wise County Heritage Museum in Decatur as well as at the Sullivan Senior Center in Sanger. The Saturday morning meetings are followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Occasionally meetings are scheduled with neighboring chapters for special programs or events. Beginning in 1998, the Chapter joined with the Benjamin Lyon Chapter in the annual September 17th Reading of the Constitution beside John B. Denton's grave.

A special Chapter project in 1996 was placing a second flagpole on the Wise County Courthouse lawn in Decatur for the Courthouse Centennial. Now "Old Glory" flies alone instead of atop the Texas Flag! Wise County Chapter members are listed on a plaque at the base of the pole.

In lieu of fund-raisers, members are asked for donations. Annually the Chapter contributes at least the minimum to all NSDAR and TSDAR projects, purchases a magazine ad, sponsors Good Citizen contests, gives books as memorials, collects items for veterans, and labels for schools, and conducts genealogy workshops.



Wise County Courthouse showing flagpoles

John Davis - Abilene

The John Davis Chapter was organized July 18, 1914, by Jewel Davis Scarborough (Mrs. Dallas). John Davis, the Revolutionary soldier for whom this Chapter was named, enlisted in Colonel Joseph Crockett's Company, the 7th Virginia, in 1776, and died in a British prison in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1780.

Past Chapter regents were Mrs. J. H. Nail (1972-1976); Mrs. Boyd N. Graham (1976-1978); Mrs. A. C. Mayes (1978-1980); Mrs. Wm. T. Coleman (1980-1982); Miss Avis Deavers (1982-1984); Mrs. K. L. Swiedom (1984-1986); Mrs. R. L. Johnston, Jr. (1986-1988); Mrs. K. G. Whisenant (1988-1990); Mrs. Wm. A. Prestridge (1990-1992); Ms. Sandra J. Hogan (1992-1994); Mrs. P. W. Rotenberry (1994-1995); Mrs. Wm. B. Taylor (1995-1996); Mrs. John R. Gray (1996-1998); Mrs. J. W. Hargrove (1998-2002).

50th Anniversary Celebration of the American Declaration of Independence

Most of the "Old Three Hundred" settlers in Stephen F. Austin's first Texas Colony in the early 1820s came from the United States and were proud of their Anglo-America Heritage. Austin discouraged any display of American loyalties which might anger the Mexican authorities or violate colonization laws. Many customs persisted, however, including observance of July Fourth as American Independence Day. On July 4, 1826, settlers around Beason's Crossing, nucleus of the present town of Columbus, planned a barbecue to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the American Declaration of Independence. No doubt, many colonists traveled long distances for this important gathering.

Excerpt from the Texas Historic Marker erected in Columbus in 1976

John Everett - Columbus

The John Everett Chapter was named for the Revolutionary ancestor of our Founding Regent, Hattie Mae Everett Dick. The John Everett Chapter began the year 1975 without the leadership of Hattie Mae Everett Dick, our Founding Regent, faithful member, and Chapter, State, and National officer, who died on 23 September 1974. Since her death, members have attempted to carry out her guidelines for the Chapter.

Programs usually fall into the categories of historical, educational, and patriotic themes using members, school students, and guests for delivering the topic. Usually once a year, the Chapter joins the local UDC and DRT for a luncheon and shared program on an historical subject. For a number of years in the 1980s, the Chapter sponsored the Penguin Players who presented a live performance for elementary students in area schools on popular children's stories such as "The Three Little Pigs" and "King Midas and the Golden Touch," giving students the opportunity to see "live" theater. When the Penguin Players retired, the Chapter began to sponsor $200 scholarships to a graduating senior in the three county high schools who applied for the scholarship and wrote a short essay. The Chapter also continues to encourage students by awarding Good Citizenship certificates and pins to a graduating senior in five high schools in the area. They and their parents are honored at a meeting in January.

Other community projects have been awarding community service certificates to organizations (EMS volunteers) or individuals for their contributions to life in their areas, preparing Christmas gifts for veterans in area nursing homes, and preparing special exhibits for Constitution week in local libraries. The Chapter has also contributed books on the pictorial history of Colorado County and *A History of Eagle Lake, Texas* to the NSDAR library. Bible records, church records, and funeral home records have been collected and indexed for the genealogical records of the DAR library, and copies have been placed in local libraries and the Texas State Library. John Everett Chapter looks forward to furthering the ideals and work of the NSDAR in the 21st century.



Laura Bush accepts The History Of Eagle Lake Texas *from William H Harrison, researcher and staff coordinator.*



The Cenotaph in Sam Houston Park with Bronze Urn

John McKnitt Alexander - Houston

In the last 25 years, our Chapter joined other Houston area chapters in celebrating Constitution Day and Flag Day with a luncheon and speaker. The cenotaph in Sam Houston Park erected by Houston's Gold Star Mothers in 1921 lists 200 "In Memory Of Our Harris County Men Who Died In The World War For Liberty 1914-1918." The bronze urn placed on the cenotaph by our Chapter is inscribed "Honor The Mothers Who Bore These Undying Sons Of Liberty." Each year our Chapter rededicated the cenotaph on Veterans Day November 11 by placing flowers in the urn.

Regents during 1975-2000 were Beverly Bostick Dean, Virginia Yundt Biggers, Violet Stephen Jackson, Laura Howe Burns, Sarah Roche Browder, Elizabeth Painter Hutchins, Mildred McDavid Patterson, Mary Glenn Yeager Smith, Helen Bolster Lawrence-Toombs, JoLee Pimlott Haddock, Mary Mabel Thomason Clegg, Catherine Leggett Fitch, Catherine Martin Knowles, Antha Adkins Holland, Elizabeth Clegg Woodard, and Kathleen Delaney Dissen.

In 1986, Ann Montgomery Gibson reorganized the John McKnitt Alexander Society, C.A.R. Grayson Fitch and Howard Haddock held offices. Howard Haddock was elected Duke of T.S.C.A.R. in 1997. We sponsored a trip to Chappell Hill to lay a wreath on the grave of Joseph Wallis, grandson of John McKnitt Alexander. Speakers included The Hon. Chase Untermeyer, Ambassador to Qatar; Dr. Rhea Seddon, astronaut and DAR member; Ray Miller, author and director of TV "Eyes of Texas"; and Mrs. John F. Teas of Teas Nursery. Dr. Mavis P. Kelsey spoke on his book, The Court Houses of Texas. We honored the grave of Josephine Coombs Kirby with a marker at Glenwood Cemetery, Houston. She served as State Treasurer, 1961-1964 and Chapter Regent, 1956-1958.

Members honored with NSDAR Committee Chairmanships include Virginia Yundt Biggers, Josephine Coombs Kirby, Sarah Roche Browder, and Julia Shepherd Hubbard. TSDAR honored Elizabeth Painter Hutchins as Chairman of Division V and Scholarship Committees, Co-chairman of Tellers, and member of the President General Project; Elizabeth Clegg Woodard as Credentials Vice Chairman; and JoLee Pimlott Haddock as Division V Chairman. We are proud of our Chapter's Rice University scholarships. The interest earned from this endowed fund is awarded annually to deserving female students.

Jonathan Hardin - Mexia

The Jonathan Hardin Chapter was organized March 28, 1922, by Mrs. John H. Sweatt. At that time it was called the Mexia Chapter. Later it changed its name to honor the Revolutionary ancestor of the Organizing Regent and three other members. Jonathan Hardin was a private in Evans Battalion of Tennessee. In 1975, the Jonathan Hardin Chapter was 53 years old.

For the Bicentennial the Chapter emphasized genealogy, and in 1977, it received a State certificate for its work in that area. At the January 24, 1990, meeting, Regent Mrs. T. Wayne Robinson remarked: "Our national defense reports are more important now than ever before." A statement that remains applicable today. The Chapter donated the following to the NSDAR Library: A Family History of Limestone County, Vol I and Texas Sesquicentennial Edition 1836-1986. It contributed books to the Gibbs Memorial Library in Mexia and to area school children for the "Story in a Stocking" project. State Regent, Mrs. William L. Stegall, was our guest in September, 1995. In her honor we contributed $100 to children with learning disabilities. March 1997, the Chapter celebrated its 75th birthday with a Diamond Anniversary Tea at the Groesbeck Woman's Club, attended by several State Officers and chapter Regents. In February 1998, Mrs. John T. Ramp, State Vice-Regent, was a guest. In May 1998, State Regent Donna Raymond visited. In March 1999, Registrar Amelia Bogard received a certificate of recognition for her work. At the 101st State Conference, March 2000, the Chapter received the National Chairman's State Conference Award for largest increase in membership and the National Chairman's State Conference award for most new members by application.

Over the years, the Chapter contributed to DAR Schools, American Indian Schools, the VA Hospital in Marlin, and participated in the various DAR programs for the schools. We mourned the passing of many members, and conducted memorial services at gravesites. In December 2000, the Chapter met in the home where it was organized, now called the Hamilton House.

Regents from 1975-2000 were Mrs. Howard Wooten, Mrs. J. Franklin Jackson, Mrs. H.O. Whitehurst, Mrs. Vera Samford, Mrs. C. W. Space, Mrs. J. T. Bounds, Mrs. T. Wayne Robinson, Mrs. M. K. Hanna, Mrs. Gene R. Alston, Mrs. Michael Lance Phillips, and Mrs. Michael H. Bogard.



Hamilton House, Mexia, where the Jonathan Hardin Chapter was organized



Left to right: Past Regents Vicki Logee, Patsy Davis, Catherine Browning

Joseph Ligon ~ Paris

Formed in 1914 by Mrs. W. F. Gill and 17 charter members, the Joseph Ligon Chapter reached 44 members in 1975, and by the end of 2000, had 80 members. The last charter member, Marie Webb, died in 1986.

Ever a Chapter highlight, Constitution Week brings exhibits for libraries, schools, and storefronts, including a proclamation from the Governor of Texas and the Mayor of Paris. These displays have won many state awards for "Displays," "Best of Displays," and a number of TV minutes. The Chapter presented a Good Citizenship Award to a high-achieving student in each of the five high schools in Lamar County. It gave assistance to Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Tamassee School in South Carolina; and Kate Duncan Smith School in Alabama.

Special Projects were presented in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of WWII, as well as the WWII Memorial dedication. Members participated generously with donations and stories about the veterans. In 1993, a POW-MIA candlelight service won second place in "Best of Programs" State contest. The Chapter has expanded its services to the Bonham, Texas Veteran's Hospital.

The Chapter has been honored with national certificates for "Excellence in Genealogical Records" in 1976 and for 100% participation in President General's 1995 project. In 1990, a National Society DAR Conservation Medal was presented to Paris resident, Mrs. Printis Ellis.

The Davy Crockett Memorial was re-dedicated in 1996. In October, 1991, the Chapter dedicated a marker on the grave of Rebecca Stone Baird, a Revolutionary veteran's daughter. The Joseph Ligon Chapter Library was donated to Paris Junior College in 1991 for future benefit to genealogy and history.

During the last 25 years, 13 past regents have diligently served Joseph Ligon. Those with an asterisk (*) before her name remains a present-day member: Mrs. John Moore 1973-1976; Mrs. Julian Hendron 1976-1979; Mrs. E.P. Dickson 1979-1982; *Mrs. Charles Meyer 1982-1985; *Mrs. Suzanne Roden 1985-1988; Mrs. Charles Bauer 1988-1990; *Mrs. W.A. Logee 1990-1991; Mrs. Earl Brown 1992-94; *Mrs. Gay Barr 1992-94; *Mrs. Norman Davis 1994-1996; Mrs. Gilbert Terry 1996-1998; *Mrs. Harold Mills 1998-2000; *Mrs. Robert Browning 2000-2004.

"I held the horses at Guilford,
but I fired my musket at the Cowpens."

Joseph Nelson

Joseph Nelson ~ Diboll

The Joseph Nelson Chapter was approved and chartered October 10, 1986. Joseph Nelson was in the Virginia Militia. He stated in his pension application, "I held the horses at Guilford, but I fired my musket at the Cowpens." The members chose him as the namesake because his service record was complete. After the War, Nelson's family migrated to Alabama, where he died.

The organizing regent was Karen Kurth Hall. Charter members included the following: Lottie Belle Lockey Collins, Florence Rikard Guilak, Sholay Guilak, Sara Collins Kurth, Mildred Buckner Sparks, Arminta Roach Roach, Sue Roach Roberts, Nathalie Massingill Sheeler, Cindy Lou Morris, Ellouise Gibson Morris, Mary Freeman Lee, and Garvis Baldree. At one time, we had four generations of one family in our Chapter.

Although the Chapter's charter city was Diboll, it serves Angelina County and other parts of East Texas. Many ladies who were organizing/charter members worked outside the home and could not be active in a chapter that met during working hours. Some of our members taught school so they were not able to meet until after 4:00 pm. For these reasons it was decided to meet on the second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. for a luncheon meeting. Chapter Regents 1975 through 2000 have included the following: Sara Collins Kurth, Cindy Lou Morris, Candace Powell, Marjorie Lancaster Sheperd, and Martha Huff Lovett.

I know not what course others may take;
but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

from Sketches of the Life and character of
Patrick Henry by William Wirt, 1817



Political cartoon designed by
Benjamin Franklin in 1751



Charter Member, Flora Wallace Ezzell

Josiah Bartlett - Borger

Josiah Bartlett, organized June 1957, has one charter member, Flora Wallace Ezzell. One event in our history from 1975-2000 was the presentation of the Americanism Medal to Eckrum Spahich, reared in Croatia. He came to America at the age of 15, unable to speak English. This young man overcame all handicaps. He finished high school and entered college where he received his journalism degree and his draft notice for the Vietnam War the same week. Eck Spahich is an ideal American citizen, and is sought as a speaker for events worldwide, always wearing his Americanism Medal proudly.

The Chapter celebrated George Washington's 200th anniversary by publishing newspaper articles, and preparing bulletin board displays in the County Court House and the Historical Museum. The Borger High School Band presented in concert the march especially commissioned for the anniversary. The Chapter sent a tape of that concert to the Mount Vernon Association and was pleased to receive a thank you for its gift. A local musician played the music of the time on a recorder for one Chapter program. The Borger High School art class constructed a bust of George Washington, which it donated to the museum; the bust remains on permanent display. A review of the minutes and Chapter yearbooks reveals that we have followed the standard rules for programs concerning history, education, and patriotism.

We have supported veterans programs, particularly the Amarillo Veterans' Hospital. Another rewarding project was the making of tactile United States Flags for the visually impaired children. LoRay Gould and Virginia Anderson used white satin ribbon sewn on the white stripes of a standard flag and red grosgrain ribbon on the red stripes. In the field of blue, metal star snaps were placed. One little boy attended a Chapter meeting to say "thanks" for giving him the chance to "see" our beloved flag. Twelve members have served as Regent during this timeframe; Rosa Pace, Margaret Brumfield, Laurene McGregor, Manilla Leibrock, Daone Ehlers, Hazel Blackmon, Sara Kay May, Gail chambers, Julia Kasch, Cleo Morrison, Virginia Anderson, and Donna Parker.

La Paisana - Wellington

La Paisana was named for a unique cuckoo bird commonly called "roadrunner" or "chaparral." In Mexico she is called "la Paisana," which means "peasant" or "country woman" because she is shy and likes to live in the isolated brush country. The La Paisana Chapter was organized in Februrary, 1973, with 15 founding members. Before the year was out, nine others joined, for a total of 24 charter members. Ineva Cudd Bowen was the organizing Regent, serving 1973-74. Succeeding her were Merle White, Miss Maudie Coffee, Paralee Coleman, Lottie Brock Handley, Ruth Derryberry, Anaruth Pendleton, Ineva Cudd Bowen, Sharon Starkey, Miss Zacharita Lowrie, Debra Long Belew, Aillene Shanks, and Anne Long.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, September through May. Programs include topics on conservation, patriotism, recognition of community and student leaders, support of local schools, libraries and museums, cemeteries, flag etiquette, military histories, veteran's affairs, constitution, and national defense.

We are proud to be a part of DAR and proud to be Americans.

La Paisana honors deceased members in good standing with a bronze grave marker presented to their families at the time of death. Those honored include Margaret Campbell Johnson, Emma White Henard, Lee Ella Bowen Seale, Linda Bonneau Caillet, Jennie Dysart Holcomb, Dorothy Ward Davis, Ruth Clay Burrell, Frankie Sue Campbell, Miss Hattie Duke Wells, Joy Williams McDowell, Miss Maude Virginia Coffee, Ineva Cudd Bowen, Virginia Simpson Fourmentin, Louise Gray Templeton, and Dora Fern Durfey Warrick. Their memory lives on.

One of the Chapter's most outstanding projects was the charting of all the Collinsworth County cemeteries, cataloging all graves and locations as to section and row. The resulting cemetery guide was published in 1976. It met with great success, was updated in 1996, and again offered to the public for sale. A short history of each cemetery was included, including who donated the land, the first grave, the organizations that care for it, and so forth. Yearly we make a flag presentation on Flag Day to an organization, individual or business designated worthy of the gift of a flag.





At the Recycling Dump, 1993
L-R: Stella Hancock, Mary Richards, Doris Saulmon, Jennie Warlick, Ginger Parks, Patricia Mancivalano, Sally K. Janes, Jeannie Hartwick

Lady Houston - Kingwood

Kingwood's Lady Houston Chapter was organized in 1988 through the persistent efforts of the late, State Lineage Research Chairman, Margie Bates Nelson. Her daughter, Alita Apicella (Mrs. Alan John), was appointed Organizing Regent. The following ladies have served as Chapter Regent: Dr. Sarah K. Janes (Mrs. Jeffrey K.), Mrs. Mervyn L. Hartwick (Jeannie), Mrs. Don R. Warlick (Jennie), Mrs. Scott E. Leonard, III (Carol), Mrs. James P. Richards (Mary), Mrs. Gary E. Hancock (Stella) and Mrs. Robert O. Himel, III (Jody).

Early Chapter gatherings assembled in organizing members' homes. As the membership increased, the use of neighborhood clubhouses, a minor emergency clinic's boardroom, an independent living retirement home guest facility, and the local country club have been used to make our meetings more accessible for our growing number of members and guests. Many Chapter programs have opened patriotically with a visiting high school ROTC color guard presenting the colors.

Through the continuous sponsorship of the American History Essay Contest and the DAR Good Citizen Award, Mrs. William N. Foster (Dixie) has acknowledged, and brought to light, many local students' achievements and academic excellence by awarding them our scholarship. Also, Mrs. T. W. (Claire) Garrett's long-time promotion of Constitution Week placed a media spotlight on Lady Houston in the local sector. In the past, our members have rolled up their sleeves and tied on Chapter monogrammed aprons to work at the local Kingwood Recycling Center to raise money for the Chapter's ongoing projects. Whether collecting soup labels for the DAR schools, packing treat bags for veterans, or doing volunteer work for the locals, this Chapter's many members have remained active throughout the years. Special attention goes to our most senior member, Mrs. James M. Smith ("Dibby") for her loyalty and friendship.

Captivating speakers and informative program topics, spanning historical to genealogical, political to issues pertaining to the woman, have brought attention to our national cause... "to perpetuate the memory and spirit...to promote the development of an enlightened public...and to foster patriotic citizenship." These, too, are the objects of Lady Houston.

Lady Washington - Houston

Lady Washington Chapter, the first in Houston and fifth in Texas, continues to be the largest chapter in NSDAR. The Chapter celebrated 100 years of service to NSDAR, TSDAR, and the community at a Centennial Tea on November 14, 1999, a banner day. Pamela Wright, Regent, and Kay Lynch, former Regent, planned a memorable event.

Promoting education is a high priority. The Malvina Warham Brewster Scholarship at Tamassee DAR School provides boarding scholarships. The DAR Texas Centennial Scholarship at Rice University is awarded to a female student. A Memorial Scholarship at Kate Duncan Smith DAR School provides work scholarships. Former Chapter and State Regent Georgia Bingle Edman is remembered through a music scholarship at Tamassee.

Patriotism is promoted through support of the Houston Veterans Medical Center. Patriotic activities are encouraged at schools through Junior American Citizen and History Essay contests. Many ROTC, Good Citizen, and Good Citizenship awards are presented each year. Flags and copies of patriotic documents are presented at INS Naturalization Ceremonies.

Encouragement of Junior Membership was recognized by honoring two Chapter regents as Outstanding State Regent: Patricia Zumwalt in 1985 and Cheryl Kipp in 1995. Our Chapter was named the Juniors Choice Chapter in 2000.

Conservation and historical preservation are a priority of this Chapter, also. We presented the first DAR Transportation and Traffic Safety awards in the state to local schools. Members recognize the need to preserve our cultural heritage through participation in national contests for painting, poetry, stitchery, crafts, and music, winning many awards. Members supported the re-dedication of the Texas DAR Forest. Former Regent Janie Price and her husband, in association with hundreds of school children, have planted Stephen F. Austin commemorative live oak trees in all 254 counties of Texas. The grave of our founding Regent, Ella Hutchins Sydnor, was rededicated in Houston's Glenwood Cemetery.

Regents not mentioned above who served the chapter from 1975-2000 were Edna Earle Patterson, Yvonne Cockrell, Jane Gorden, Ida Dirks, Ernesta Hunt, Margaret Colbert, Lacretia Gaffron, Katherine Schwarz, Claudia Cannon, Dean Bybee, Kathryne Maurer, and Susan Lemon.



Regents 1975-2000: Front Row, L-R: Pamela Wright, Kay Lynch. Back Row, L-R: Bobbie Riedel, Patricia Zumwalt, Marjorie Gentle, Dean Bybee, Kathryne Maurer, Susan Lemon, Cheryl Kipp and Jane Gorden



Las Pampas - Pampa

Las Pampas Chapter was organized March 13, 1965, by Mrs. A. D. Hills. The settlement which later became Pampa had been known as Ontario, then Sutton, and later Glascow. Finally, the name Pampa was chosen from the Spanish, Las Pampas, meaning vast, treeless plains. While the city of Pampa had its beginnings with the coming of the railroads and a few settlers who came in about then, the Las Pampas plains have existed forever. It is fitting that this Chapter has the enduring qualities of the Las Pampas. No longer is it the vast uninhabited, treeless area — it is a land of beauty, and it has the finest people in the world — who never miss an opportunity to brag about it!

Las Pampas has the finest people in the world — who never miss an opportunity to brag about it!

Las Pampas Chapter was founded to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; to promote the development of an enlightened public opinion; and to foster patriotic citizenship. The Chapter meets in the members' homes on the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. Members contribute to Chapter activities as their individual interests dictate. There is something to interest everyone, such as genealogical research and preservation, literacy and historical programs in public schools, conservation, and support of the local Veteran's Hospital, to name just a few. A report on the National Defense of our country is given at each meeting. The Chapter sponsors an American History Essay Contest for students in grades 5-10.

In September the Chapter celebrates Constitution Week. In October it holds a Fall luncheon with an interesting program. Every February the Chapter has held an Annual Tea, presenting Good Citizens Awards to outstanding students from seven area high schools. In March the Chapter has always been represented at the TSDAR Conference. In April Chapter members strive to attend Continental Congress, in Washington, D.C. In May, the Chapter holds a Spring Luncheon with another interesting program.

To secure the public good, and private rights,
against the danger of . . . faction,
and at the same time to preserve the
spirit and form of popular government,
is then the great object to which our
inquiries are directed.

James Madison
Speech in the Virginia convention, June 16, 1788

La Villita - College Station

College Station's La Villita Chapter has 65 members who co-sponsored opening of the area's Bicentennial Program with William Scott Chapter, on May 4, 1975. Four National Guard soldiers carried Bicentennial flags from the historical Carnegie Library to the Brazos County Courthouse, where they were presented to the mayors of College Station and Bryan. Astronaut Joseph Kerwin, USN, addressed the gathering.

At State Conference, Mrs. Walter K. Henry, State Organizing Secretary, presented State Regent Mrs. F. H. Pannill with a patchwork quilt (1776-1976) from La Villita Chapter. Mrs. E. B. Reynolds served as chairman of the project. A magnolia tree was presented to Bee Creek Park, part of the Bicentennial Arboretum, in honor of 50-year member Mrs. Robert Bossler. In 1982, membership of La Villita Chapter consisted of 70 members, and the Chapter was awarded the Gold Honor Roll.

La Villita participated in a naturalization ceremony held in the 85th District County Court. Sixty individuals received citizenship. Flags and manuals for citizenship were distributed. Constitution Week was celebrated with a dinner. An address was presented by The Honorable William Moore, our State Senator. In 1984, La Villita had 87 members, who celebrated the Chapter's 40th anniversary. A reception honored distinguished member, State Regent Nancy Tiner. In June, 1985, new officers were installed by Mrs. Tiner, State Regent and Chapter member. All yearly activities qualified La Villita for the Gold Honor Roll. From 1944-1994, La Villita had 50 years of service. From activities in College Station and in Austin to national activities in Washington, D. C., we supported the TSDAR Centennial and our own candidate and Chapter member, Nancy Tiner, for President General. In 1999, La Villita rededicated one OSR Marker (King's Highway), located another five more, and restored lettering to one marker so that it could be read from the highway. It also distributed valentines, and birthday cards to veterans in nursing homes; sponsored our C.A.R. Society Chapter (Brazos de Dios), and continue to furnish senior leadership at the local and state level. Tammy Harding was a Texas Outstanding Junior.



Presentation of Bicentennial quilt (1776-1976)



Stagecoaches like this one ran the famous Butterfield Stage Line.

Lee's Legion - Albany

Lee's Legion was organized April 17, 1926, Mrs. Merrick Davis, Organizing Regent. The Chapter selected its name in honor of Colonel Henry Lee (1756-1818), Cavalry hero of the American Revolution. Colonel Lee was known as "Light Horse Harry" and was the father of Robert E. Lee. He served in the Confederation Congress (1785-1788) and in the United States House of Representatives (1799-1801). He was the author of the famous Congressional memorial eulogy to his friend, George Washington, which included the famous saying: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Lee's Legion has been active in erecting historical markers, for example, for Fort Griffin and the Butterfield Stage Line. It also was responsible for placing the huge iron caldron on the Courthouse Lawn, remnant of the famous Ledbetter Salt Works of 1862. Later, other kettles were acquired and now can be seen at the park on Main Street. Lee's Legion was active in the restoration of Albany's first dwelling, the Henry Jacobs House, which is now privately owned.

"Yea, we have a goodly heritage."

Through the years, the Chapter has stressed citizenship and patriotism in our schools. It has hosted other chapters, held receptions, attended State Conferences and Continental Congress, supported State and National projects, and has been active in community affairs.

In 1989, Sam Webb was awarded the prestigious National Good Citizen Award and a reception was hosted by Lee's Legion to honor him. Special recognition is given to the longest surviving charter member, Bonna Bell Porter, deceased, and to Walter McCollum, WWI veteran, deceased

Regents of Lee's Legion during 1975-2000 were the following: Mrs. Bland Turner (1973-1976); Mrs. Byron Diller (1976-1979); Mrs. Lucion Brooks (1979-1982); Mrs. Warlick Jones (1982-1985); Mrs. Edward Brewster (1985-1988); Mrs. Tom Humber (1988-1991); Mrs. Glenn Leech (1991-1994); Mrs. John Musselman (1994-1997); and Mrs. Warlick Jones (1997-2000).

It is with great pride we endeavor to keep Lee's Legion strong and recognize the vision and dedicated leadership of those who came before us.

Libertad - Liberty

The Libertad Chapter was organized in 1934 as the Sophia Lee Harrison Chapter in honor of an ancestor of Mrs. E. W. Pickett. In 1950, the name was changed to *Libertad*, Spanish for Liberty. The following members have held the office of Regent since 1975: Mrs. George Bouchard (Gina), Mrs. Ann Daniel Rogers, Mrs. Susan Daniel Parker, Mrs. Cecil Donham (Opal), Mrs. T. Deen Wood (Ada Fay), Mrs. Martha Lynn Buchanan, Mrs. Walter Holt (Johnnie), Mrs. Ray Stoesser (Eileen), Mrs. Houston Daniel (Charlotte), Mrs. Sally Rives Johnson, Mrs. Carl Park (Sue), Mrs. K. Robert Seaberg (Susan), and Mrs. Bobby Blake (Shirley).

During the 1980s, the Chapter held many fundraisers, sought matching grants and succeeded in being able to build their own meeting house with a working kitchen, equip it with the necessary furniture, and construct a 30-bay paved parking lot. At least one member has attended each Fall Forum, State Conference and Continental Congress.

During this time, the Chapter sponsored a very successful and active C.A.R. chapter, the Kalita Society, which attended many State Conferences. In addition, the Chapter's work with the young people of the community included presenting seniors from the six area high schools with the Good Citizen award and a savings bond each November. In the spring, the American History Essay Winners from the local area schools were honored with a reception and public reading of their essays. The Liberty Municipal Library and the Atascosito Historical Society join with the Libertad Chapter in ringing an exact replica of the Liberty Bell for every national holiday.

Miss Miriam Partlow, a former Libertad Chapter Regent, passed away and bequeathed her home (The Partlow House, circa 1860) to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in 1981. In 1984, the Libertad Chapter, assumed administration of the home, which is open by appointment to the public as a house museum. The house has been included in many civic and public activities such as historical tours for the Sesquicentennial of Liberty.



Partlow House, ca. 1860

Lt. Thomas Barlow - San Benito

The Lieutenant Thomas Barlow Chapter was organized April 20, 1914, by Mrs. J. B. Ammerman. The unique position of being the first chapter established south of San Antonio at the "Tip of Texas" is enjoyed by the San Benito Chapter, which was named for an ancestor of Mrs. Ammerman's. Born in Caroline County, Virginia, in 1760, Lt. Thomas Barlow enlisted at the age of 17, served under General Lafayette at the battle of Yorktown, and died in Kentucky in 1825.

In the 90 years of its existence, 48 women have presided as regents. Following are highlights for 1975-2000. During the term of Mrs. E. J. Twiss (1975-1977), 10 bronze markers were placed at gravesites. Recognition was given to members of the Chapter for their work on the Bicentennial. When Mrs. C. E. Pester served (1977-1979), a 50-year pin and two 50-year Club Membership pins were presented. Under Mrs. J. G. Butcher's leadership (1979-1983), research was done on several DAR historical markers. Mrs. S. V. Neely's accomplishments (1981-1983) included placing a marker on Galveston Ranch off Military Highway at the site of the Thornton Skirmish. Mrs. G. F. Good, Jr. (1983-1985), received the Gold Honor Roll. During Mrs. James L. Goode's term (1985-1987) the Chapter membership count was 132 members; the Chapter honored the Texas Sesquicentennial and the Bicentennial of the Constitution and marked one of the four cannons. Mrs. H. J. Garrett (1987-1989), celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Chapter. While Mrs. George A. Hardy was Regent (1989-1991), two DAR markers were placed on graves. Mrs. James H. Eubanks (1991-1993), started restoration of the marker on US 281. The greatest honor of Miss Betty Jo Dunlap (1993-1995) was helping a long-time member, Agnes Stevenson Main, celebrate her 100th birthday. The birthday party was held at the Retama Nursing Home in Harlingen and was attended by many members of the Chapter, employees and residents of Retama, and her many friends. Mrs. James H. Eubanks (1995-1997), began awarding the door prize at Chapter meetings, which resulted in better attendance, and she also marked some graves. Mrs. L. Neal Ball, Sr. (1997-2001), placed a marker on US 281 between Santa Maria and Los Indios.





Luncheon hosted by Lt. William Brewer Chapter, November 3, 1992: (l-r) Mrs. Ann Nicholson Drake, State Curator; Mrs. William Leroy Stegall, State Vice Regent; Mrs. Dalys D. Atkinson, Lt. William Brewer Regent; Mrs. John Kenneth Harrell, Texas State Regent

Lt. William Brewer - Midland

The Lt. William Brewer Chapter promotes the NSDAR themes of education, history, and patriotism. The Chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary on April 4, 1989, with a tea held at the home of Mrs. Robert Fitting. On November 29, 1998, the Chapter furnished a flag pole and two flags (Texas flag donated by State Representative Tom Craddick and U. S. flag donated by U. S. Representative Lamar Smith) to the W. F. Scarborough House, built in 1907, a ranch-style house recorded as a Texas historic landmark in 1965 by the Texas State Historical Survey Committee.

In 1985, the Chapter began awarding a DAR blue ribbon at the biennial show of The Midland Quilters Guild for a quilt in a category requiring early American historical significance. Chapter members are dedicated to genealogy research and support the NSDAR Library and the Public Library by donating books and funds including Chapter members' family books. The Chapter continues its interest in education for young people. Each year a scholarship is given to a graduating high school senior in Midland. In addition, DAR Good Citizen awards and American Essay awards are presented annually. An AFJROTC was established in 2000 at Midland High School, with Lt. William Brewer Chapter as sponsor. For younger students, small flags are distributed to elementary schools on Veteran's Day. Constitution Week has always been an occasion for an outstanding program during a luncheon attended with other District VIII Chapters. The Chapter honors veterans by yearly celebrations of Veteran's Day. In 1992, Texas State Regent, Mrs. John Kenneth Harrell, presented a program on "Let's Talk DAR" and honored Chapter members who had served in the military. A deeply moving experience is the wreath laying each Memorial Day when the Chapter participates with other patriotic organizations in this observance.

Regents of the past 25 years are Mesdames George Staley, 1975-1977; Edward Judson, 1977-1979; John Parker, 1979-1981; Gordon Walker, 1981-1983; Francis McGuigan, 1983-1985; Charles McKenney, 1985-1987; Fred Wright, 1987-1989; Dr. Dorothy Wyvell, 1989-1991; Jerry Atkinson, 1991-1993; Frank Bell, 1993-1995; Donald McClurg, 1995-1997; Jack Naumann, 1997-1999; and Miss Dorothy Perkins, 1999-2000.



Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, supported by Llano Estacado

Llano Estacado - Amarillo

The Llano Estacado Chapter was organized May 4, 1925, by Mrs. Avery Turner. The Chapter celebrated its Diamond Anniversary in 2000 with a tea featuring music of the mid-1920s. Soprano Mila Gibson planned and presented the program, to which guests were invited.

A joint Constitution Week Luncheon is held in September hosted by one of the three local DAR chapters in rotation with a speaker, usually from the State Society; study programs generally of a historical or conservation nature, with local speakers in October, January, March, and May; and the Flag Day program in June. This last is a luncheon, the others afternoon meetings. A tea on the 3rd Saturday of February honors high school history award winners. This has grown: most recently 36 students from area high schools were honored, and their parents, teachers, counselors, and friends were invited. Until recently the event had been arranged by the members, but currently the Chapter hosts the tea in the Amarillo Club, with a speaker, usually from the WTAMU History Department, and presents the medals and certificates at that time.

Other special interests include the ROTC awards, presented to the three Amarillo units; participation in the volunteer program of the Amarillo VA Hospital; donations to the genealogical section of the Amarillo Public Library; participation in the Genealogical Advisory Board of the Library; and support for the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum. Many members are descendants of the original organizers of the Chapter, who were early in the trend to name the Chapter for a feature of the area rather than for an ancestor. A feeling of congeniality has been maintained as new members have joined and old ones have been regretfully lost.

Regents since Mrs. C. C. Burgess in 1975 have been: *Mrs. James E. Goodloe, *Mrs. F. B. Doshier, Mrs. Joe Nix, *Mrs. H. W. Sherrieb, *Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mrs. R. D. Glasscock, Mrs. T. D. Baldwin, +Mrs. Dean McNaughton, *+Mrs. Allen Early, Mrs. C. C. Burgess, Mrs. Paul Kenyon, Mrs. Joe Nix, Mrs. Joseph Findley. (An asterisk [*] before the name = deceased; a plus [+] = descendant of Founding Member.)

The Llano Estacado (Staked Plains) was first described by Francisco Vázquez de Coronado in a letter to the King of Spain, dated October 20, 1541.

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Llano Uplift - Marble Falls

The Llano Uplift Chapter was a TSDAR Centennial project of State Regent Virginia Stegall. There was no DAR chapter in the Upper Highland Lakes area of Texas in January 1996, but Regent Stegall knew that enough DAR members had moved to the area to form a new chapter. In February 1996, Colleen Kenyon of Granite Shoals agreed to organize a chapter with Marble Falls as the home city. A pre-organization meeting was held February 28, 1996 at the library in Kingsland, with seventeen DAR members present. Llano Uplift was chosen as the name of the new Chapter because the geographical area known as the Llano Uplift included the counties of Burnet and Llano where the organizing members lived. The Chapter name was approved by NSDAR in March 1996, and the Organizing meeting was held at The Shoals in Granite Shoals on April 26, 1996, with 26 organizing members. The Chapter became an official NSDAR chapter on 8 June 1996. Twenty of the Organizing Members were transfers from 18 chapters, four were reinstatements, and two were new members. Members lived in Round Mountain, Horseshoe Bay, Oak Ridge Estates, Sunrise Beach, Kingsland, Llano, Pontotoc, Tow, Bluffton, Buchanan Dam, Burnet, Meadowlakes, and Granite Shoals. None lived in Marble Falls.

It was decided to concentrate our resources the first year on a Good Citizen Award for each of the three high schools within the Llano Uplift chapter jurisdiction because most of the members were retired and lived in diverse communities. Since 1996, the chapter has continued to give Good Citizen Awards to the three high schools, honored Constitution Week in local libraries, given Outstanding Citizen Awards to a citizen from both Burnet and Llano Counties, and is steadily growing.

The founding Regent was Colleen Kenyon (1996-1997), who served one year; Angie Spangenberg, her Vice Regent, then served as Regent for one year (1997-1998). Vallie Terrell followed as regent (1998-2000).



L-R: Vallie Terrell, Regent 1999-2000; Coleen Kenyon, Organizing Regent; Angie Spangenberg, Regent 1997-1998

Lohmann's Ford -Lakeway

The Lohmann's Ford Chapter was organized November 13, 1994. The elected officers were Organizing Regent Carolyn Ryals, Vice Regent Jean O'Neill, and supporting officers. The meeting was held at the home of Jean O'Neill. Mrs. William Stegall, Texas State Regent, installed the Officers. Ten of the 18 members served as Board Members. The Chapter was confirmed by NSDAR on December 12, 1994. Its name honors a pioneer German immigrant to the area, John Henry Lohmann, who built a private road to a shallow water crossing of the Colorado River that now lies buried beneath Lake Travis.

Since 1994, there have been three Regents: Caroline Ryals, Jean O'Neill (two terms), and Helen Cooper. Caroline Ryals became State Organizing Secretary, then was named National Chairman of the Program Committee. In 1995, Lohmann's Ford was awarded two Certificates of Achievement, one for growth and the second for outstanding increase in membership. Caroline Ryals established a Chapter tradition: She donated the gavel given to her as Regent of Thankful Hubbard Chapter, and each successive Regent acts as Custodian of the Gavel. At the installation ceremony "The Gavel and White Gloves" are passed to the new Regent. Building membership was Jean O'Neill's hallmark during her regency. Helen Cooper's theme was "getting to know you." She established the tradition of "The Orchid Book" that requires everyone to furnish a photo and fill out a questionnaire.

Chapter Flags have an interesting history: The U.S. Flag was presented to Caroline Ryals' mother, Belle Roberts, by President Richard Nixon. Jean O'Neill then gave the Lohmann's Ford Chapter its Flag. Yearly, our Anniversary Teas are held as close to the date of inception as possible. We honor Constitution Week with a Proclamation from both the Mayor and the Governor of Texas, and enjoy a luncheon shared with SAR. We always participate in Lakeway's 4th of July Parade, entering a float dedicated to the theme of Freedom. Since 1997, we have been part of the Veterans' Day Celebration at Lakeway. We have presented the Good Citizenship Award to students at the Lake Travis schools. Since its inception in 1994, the Chapter, has had a total of 56 members.



Mayflower Float, entry of Lohmann's Ford Chapter in Lakeway's 1999 4th of July Celebration



L-R: Mrs. Joe Singletary, Regent, Mrs. S. S. Crank, Vice-Regent, Rhenee Rayborn, Good Citizen Award winner for Liberty Eylau High School at the February 24, 1976, George Washington Tea

Lone Star -Texarkana

The Lone Star Chapter of Texarkana Texas was organized by Mrs. Ella Lou Wisdom Ragland in October 1909. Formerly a member of Piney Woods Regents Council, the Chapter was a founding member of the Northeast Texas Regents Council. Members have served as State Chairman and State Vice Chairman.

An annual tea with the Texarkana, Arkansas, chapter celebrating George Washington's Birthday honors Good Citizen nominees. The Bicentennial of George Washington's birthday was celebrated with an original reading of "A Standing Miracle" that was written and presented by Judge Josh Morriss III. Constitution Week includes special celebrations and proclamations.

Lone Star Chapter attended the burial of the remains of 2nd Lt. Wayland Bennett, missing since 1943; purchased a commemorative brick for a new WWII Veterans memorial at Texarkana College; placed two Veteran Footstones; and attended the Veterans' Vietnam/Korea Wall Rededication. In 1993, we gave a flag, donated by U. S. Representative Wright Patman, to the Conifer Girl Scouts; celebrated Columbus Discovery Day, "Amerifest," with a citywide celebration; presented a flag flown over Washington D. C. to the city; and gave 350 flags to guests. The Christmas luncheon is held with the Arkansas and Trammel Trace Chapters. The 1995 luncheon special guest speaker was Mrs. Wayne Tiner (Nancy), Honorary State Regent, Attending were: Texas State Officers Mrs. Stegall, State Regent; Mrs. Raymond, State Vice-Regent; Mrs. Minton, State Historian; and Mrs. Welch, State Parliamentarian.

Other honored guests were Mrs. Kellogg, State Regent of Arkansas; Mrs. Davis, State Historian of Arkansas; Mrs. Conger, State Recording Secretary of Oklahoma; Mrs. Winters, State Corresponding Secretary of Oklahoma; and Mrs. Sealy, State Treasurer of Louisiana. Represented were 16 chapters from Texas, eight from Arkansas, three from Oklahoma, and one from Louisiana. Lone Star Chapter continues to preserve the past, promote the present, and prepare for the future.



Korean War Commemorative Flag Raising at Deaf Smith County Courthouse attended by Chapter members and Korean veterans

Los Ciboleros - Hereford

Los Ciboleros Chapter was almost five years old as 1975 began, having been founded on April 30, 1970, by Mrs. Patricia Robinson, Organizing Regent. The Chapter has maintained a high level of achievement, striving to fulfill the Honor Roll requirements, as well as conducting strong, traditional meetings. Each year the Chapter observes Constitution Week with the Mayor's proclamation to the community, followed by the distribution of posters and other materials to all area schools. Each 5th grade student in the Hereford and Friona School systems is given a bookmark with the Preamble to the Constitution. Four area high schools (Friona, Hereford, Community Christian School and Dimmitt) are invited to select senior students as DAR Good Citizens. The students are recognized in their school assemblies and at an annual Honors Tea. American History Month is highlighted: Each year, almost 200 essays are submitted by students for judging. Los Ciboleros appreciates the teachers who assist their students in research and writing. Winners are awarded bronze medals and certificates. They, too, are guests at the Honors Tea, and a special book is donated to the first place winner's library.

For DAR Service for Veterans-Patients, Chapter members have generously given families clothing and Christmas gifts. "Stamps for the Wounded" has been another ongoing project. The Conservation Committee planted a redbud tree in Dameron Park as well as a Stephen F. Austin Memorial Oak tree at a Hereford elementary school. Korean War Commemorative events included four Flag-raising services in Deaf Smith, Castro, and Parmer Counties, with American Legion and VFW members assisting. A national award was received for these and other outstanding projects honoring Korean War veterans. U.S. Flags have been presented, with ceremony, to the Hereford Regional Medical Center on Veterans Day, to King's Manor Methodist Retirement Home on Washington's Birthday, and to Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona on Flag Day. A flagpole was given to the Hereford ISD Administration Building and twin flagpoles to the Hereford Aquatic Center.

Los Ciboleros Chapter, NSDAR, continues to take pride in its accomplishments as it seeks to live up to the society's objectives of patriotism, education and historical preservation.

Lost Pines - Smithville

The organizational meeting for the DAR chapter was held, June 11, 1993. Ella Sheffield, TSDAR Organizing Secretary, presented information on DAR. Laura Edwards, Organizing Regent, opened the meeting. Lost Pines was selected by the National Society NSDAR. The Chapter was organized and confirmed on October 14, 1993, with Laura Edwards as Organizing Regent. Installation of officers was held on October 23, 1993. The 26 organizing members were: Dorothy Barton, Mildred Beckcom, Berneice Brown, Mary Ann Bryant, Karen Compton, Dorothy Cook, Betsy Duty, Laura Edwards, Pamela Embrey, Brenda Fehlker, Alyce Ferguson, Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Amy Gotcher, Virginia Guyton, Constance Javor, Kristen Javor, Daisy Keppler, Adena Lewis, Jacquelyn Nichols, Pollye Pearson, Gail Robinson, Cherrell Rose, Irma Webb, Kay Wesson, Evelyn Wolf, Julie Wolf, and Ella Sheffield, Associate Member. Charter Members were Amanda Brown, Robbie Pottschmidt, and Jane Riley.

The first meeting of the Lost Pines Chapter was held on October 23, 1993. Ella Sheffield opened the ceremony by welcoming the guest and introducing the NSDAR and TSDAR officers. After the opening ceremonies, the Chapter officers were installed by Mrs. Billie Joe Lovett, NSDAR Librarian, and Ella Sheffield. Charter officers were Laura Edwards, Organizing Regent; Irma Webb, Vice-Regent; Dorothy Barton, Chaplain; Berneice Brown, Recording Secretary; Dorothy Cook, Corresponding Secretary; Virginia Guyton, Treasurer; Kay Wesson, Registrar; Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Historian; Brenda Fehlker, Librarian; Daisy Keppler, Parliamentarian; and Mildred Beckcom, Curator.

Ella Sheffield and Laura Edwards presented the first Junior ROTC bronze metal to a Bastrop High School JRROTC cadet at the first annual Awards Program and Change of Command, May 17, 1994. This award has been continued ever since. Bastrop High School Navy Junior ROTC Unit #49817 was established on August 23, 1993, and commissioned April 6, 1994. Lost Pines Chapter members and committee chairpersons met deadlines in full force, selected a Good Citizen winner, initiated the History Month Essay Contest in the Smithville schools, selected a DAR Good Citizen, awarded the ROTC bronze medal, celebrated Flag Day ceremony, Constitution Week, and made necessary contributions. The Press Book was entered at the 95th annual State Conference in March 1994.



Donna Raymond, Barbara Harrell, and Mrs. Oda Deliah Ratliff Perkins, new 100-year-old member

Lucretia Council Cochran - Arlington

Encouraged by an initiative from NSDAR to develop a project involving every member to celebrate the Nation's Bicentennial, the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter began preparations for a cookbook dedicated to the people and places of "Old Arlington." Under the direction of Mrs. Louise Yocum Shallcross, Regent, and Mrs. Frances Bennett Barnes, Past Regent (pictured in the photo), a Cookbook Committee was established and funded. The Daughters began compiling recipes and histories. The 534 pages brought to life the history and heritage of the city with biographies of pioneers and sketches of old homes as well as other historic sites. Tips from party planning to everyday menus were included. "Winter's Warmth," a watercolor illustration by Larry Harris, appeared on the cover depicting an inviting old-fashioned kitchen. Jane Jacobs of Arlington created beautiful ink drawings of many sites in Arlington to enhance recipes and sections of the cookbook. After many hours of testing and editing on December 10, 1975, during a special Bicentennial/Centennial celebration, the Daughters unveiled *Arlington Treasured Recipes*. The cookbook won First Place at TSDAR in the 1975-1976 Special Committee – National, Bicentennial Contest. Proceeds from Arlington Treasured Recipes provided scholarships and awards.

The Daughters presented awards to the Outstanding Teacher of American History, DAR Good Citizens, American History, Junior American Citizens, and outstanding cadets in ROTC. The Chapter also recognized winners of the American History Essay Contest and Christopher Columbus Essay Contest. In 1976, the Daughters established a scholarship fund to be awarded to a graduating senior from each of the five Arlington ISD high schools; nearly 100 scholarships have been awarded.

The Chapter was recognized on TSDAR Gold and Silver Honor Rolls. Several honored Daughters served TSDAR on state committees. In memory of deceased Daughters, the Chapter placed genealogical books in the Arlington Public Library and played a vital roll in creating its outstanding genealogical collection. The *Arlington Citizen-Journal* honored the Chapter as "Club of the Year 1986." Daughters personally presented school awards, distributed the DAR Manual for Citizenship, attended Naturalization Ceremonies, and regularly participated in Arlington's 4th of July Parade.



Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Shallcross with the TSDAR 1st Place Award
Photo courtesy Arlington Citizen-Journal Negative Collection, The University of Texas at Arlington Libraries, Arlington, TX.

Lucy Meriwether - Laredo



Lucy Meriwether Lewis

The many years nourished by the fine ladies that followed after the Laredo Chapter was organized has kept this Chapter active and flourishing. The Chapter was organized October 24, 1921, by Mrs. D. McNeill Turner and received its charter in the spring, dated March 25, 1922. Its name honored Lucy Meriwether a great woman in history who was related to five of the charter members. Lucy Meriwether Lewis, wife of one of George Washington's officers and mother of Meriwether Lewis of the "Lewis and Clark Expedition" fame, was a courageous woman. She was known to hunt and set out a meal by the time the men returned from their own hunt. The Chapter's motto is "Where there is no vision, the people perish," Proverbs 29:18. This motto has stirred its members into a successful road through all its years of existence. All charter members are now gone, but their followers have continued to burn the light they lit on that October organizational day.

One project that has grown from 1975 to 2000 has been the Chapter's participation in Naturalization Ceremonies. Each year Chapter members participate in the naturalization of new citizens in Federal Court. New citizens may number 200 to 600 a year and may come from five to 15 countries. The number of ceremonies is up to four a year. From two to eight members attend these ceremonies. Mary Boone Ervin and Mary Holbein assist with a welcome speech during the ceremony. In their absence, another member will be chosen to participate in the ceremony. Other members in attendance will distribute a small flag to each new citizen and give out voter registration applications.

Each year, the chapter donates bronze medals to local ROTC groups. Medals increased from two to six with the addition of four new high schools. The good works of the chapter have resulted in many awards and recognitons. Past Chapter Regents from 1975-2000 are Dr. Ruby Lowry, Mrs. William Allen, Mrs. Ray Keck, Jr., Ms. Mary Ruth Matthews, Mrs. Jerry Worsham, Mrs. Forrest Wahl, Ms.Dalziel Cobb, Mrs. John Holbein, Mrs. John Parker, Mrs. William Allen, Mrs. Barry Reed, Sr., Ms. Mary Frances Alderete and Mrs. Fernando Laurel.

Lucy Meriwether Lewis Marks used her medical skills to treat the sick and often rode throughout the county to do so, even into her old age. While she could not afford many books, she collected a small library throughout her life, which she left to her children in her will.

Major Francis Grice - Wichita Falls

Recognition of scholarship and committed leadership is a part of Chapter service. We have recognized Good Citizens from Wichita Falls High Schools as well as area schools for the past 44 years. The Chapter recognizes ROTC students from Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, and Burkburnett High Schools, as well as personnel from Sheppard Air Force Base.

This North Texas city of about 100,000 affords opportunities to reach out to the many aspects of education, oil, agriculture, military, and arts. The Chapter hosts several receptions each year for new citizens following Naturalization Ceremonies, providing U.S. Flags to each one. The recipient of our scholarship fund, a student at Midwestern State University, is our guest at a luncheon meeting. We have also supported Bacone, Kate Duncan Smith and Tamassee Schools projects. The Chapter awarded Medals for Conservation to Mayre Wiseman, History to Lita Watson, and Americanism to Frank and Irena Pal. In 1985, a book with local genealogical information was published and placed in the DAR Library. Still carried on is the traditional biennial hosting of a guest tea honoring the Regent with members in colonial costumes and a member/prospect tea each summer.

In 1995, during the tenure of Regent Bettye Nicholson, the Chapter dedicated a NSDAR Memorial Grave marker for our founder, Mary Margaret Grice Burnside, with four of her descendants present. The event was in conjunction with the formal dedication ceremony of a Texas Historical Marker for pioneers Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Hiatt Burnside.

Jo Betsy Allred was a delightful member and a Texas First Lady, the wife of former Governor James B. Allred. A talented musician, Mrs. Allred provided piano accompaniment for the Star Spangled Banner on a regular basis for many years. For the past 19 years members have attended Continental Congress and Bessie Gregg served as a page. Regents serving during the period 1974-2000 were Mrs. Paul L. Myers, Sr., Mrs. China B. Smith, Mrs. Charles B. Harrell, Mrs. Earl W. Volberding, Mrs. Gary L. Gregg, Miss Elizabeth Lea, Mrs. Edward W. McRae, Mrs. Lee M. Rhone, Mrs. Joe W. Thompson, Mrs. Raoul R. Ashby, Mrs. Dewey T. Nicholson and Mrs. Stanley Lobley.



Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Major Francis Grice Chapter



"Don't Tread on Me" Flag

Major James Kerr - Kerrville

Major James Kerr Chapter of Kerrville was organized December 7, 1973. Mrs. Herbert S. Long was Organizing Regent. The Chapter namesake, Major James Kerr, for whom both Kerrville and Kerr County were named, served as a Lieutenant in the War of 1812 and as a Major in the Texas Revolution. Though a Kentuckian by birth, he was a member of the Missouri Legislature when he became interested in the colonization of Texas and was made manager of the Dewitt Colony in 1825. He was the first Anglo man to settle on the lower Guadalupe River. Major Kerr's friend, Joshua D. Brown, of the upper Guadalupe River, prevailed upon the Sixth Texas Legislature in 1856 to name Kerr County for Major Kerr, in recognition of the Major's valorous service to the Republic of Texas and his guiding influence in the growing young State.

Regents who have served Major James Kerr Chapter from 1975 to 2000 are the following: Mrs. Thomas M. Daniel (1974-1976); Mrs. Sam W. Gardner (1976-1978); Mrs. James M. Raymond (1978-1980); Mrs. Novella McCaleb (1980-1982); Mrs. E.C. Parker Jr. (1982-1984); Mrs. Louis M. Ayres (1984-1986); Mrs. William Paul Hahn (1986-1988); Mrs. Emery M. Marks (1988-1990); Mrs. John R. Johnson (1990-1992); Mrs. Ollie M. Ellis (1992-1994); Mr. Walter B. Cummings (1994-1996); Mrs. William Butler, Jr. (1996-1998); Mrs. Perry W. Steele, Jr. (1998-2000); Mrs. Ian D. Tucker (2000-2002).

Major James Kerr sponsored the Elijah Holcomb Society, C.A.R., organized in May 1999. The Organizing Senior President was Mrs. William J. Butler. In terms of State and National offices, Mrs. Daniel served as State Historian 1979-1982. Mrs. Raymond served as State Treasurer, State Chaplain, and State Vice-Regent during the period. She was Texas State Regent from 1997-2000 and was elected as Honorary State Regent on March 17, 2000. She is also an Honorary Chapter Regent, the only other one being Mrs. Thomas M. Daniel, who passed away on December 23, 2000.



25-year members honored at the 25th Anniversary of the Chapter

Major Jarrell Beasley - Crockett

During this 25-year period, the Major Jarrell Beasley Chapter has been faithful in following the National Guidelines for Gold Star achievement and the newer Chapter Achievement awards. Members have been faithful to attend the District and State Workshops and TSDAR and NSDAR Conventions. The Chapter has been recognized with special awards for programs, yearbooks, and conservation. Some outstanding programs were "Drama of the Famous DAR Mystery"; skits by Chapter members; musical revues; and for Constitution Week, presentations by local attorneys. OSR markers were rededicated in a Chapter meeting and in Nacogdoches.

Members contributed to restoration funds for the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the World War II Memorial. Twenty-four genealogical books were compiled for the NSDAR Library and awards received for pages completed. Five-hundred dollars was given to the Crockett Public Library for genealogy in memory of Elizabeth Legory James. A historical marker was presented to First Baptist Church and dedicated by our Chapter. A bronze marker was placed at the grave of Miss Nell Beasley, Organizing Regent, with a ceremony attended by family and chapter members. Community Service Awards were given to Jim Gibbs and Hattie (Smith) Wootters. The Medal of Honor and Good Citizen Award were presented to Eliza Bishop for her dedication to historic preservation. The Chapter celebrated the NSDAR Centennial by honoring its Charter members. Later, the 25th Anniversary of Major Jarrell Beasley was celebrated by honoring 25-year members. Membership has continued to grow.

Members serving the TSDAR as Chairmen during the period 1975-2000: Mrs. Robert Overstreet (Theresa), District IV Director and State Conservation Chairman; Mrs. Frank Towery (Pat), American Heritage Chairman; Mrs. Horace Knox (Dorothy), Division IV Chairman; and Mrs. Dooley Dawson (Jane), Vice Chairman DAR Museum

Regents during the years 1975-2000: Mrs. John L. Dean (Albertine) 1973–1979; Mrs. Robert Overstreet (Theresa), 1979-1981; Mrs. William Schmidt (Mary), 1981-1983; Mrs. Frank Towery (Pat), 1983-1985; Mrs. H. B. Knox (Dorothy, 1985-1989; Mrs. Carlton Kendall (Phyllis), 1989-1992; Mrs. Frank Towery (Pat), 1992-1995; Mrs. Jack Jackson (Frances), 1995-1997; and Mrs. Joseph Netardus (Cherry), 1997-2001.

Major Thaddeus Beall - Jacksonville

Major Thaddeus Beall Chapter was organized January 12, 1965, By Mrs. Thomas D. Stevens. Sixteen Regents have served during these 35 years: Ruby Lee Stevens (three terms); Roberta Gray; Delitha Guenzel; Barbara Terry; Lanora Faust; Thelma Cravy; Mabel Heath; Ora Faye Tolbert; Jenny Bell; Genevieve Templeton; Ona Faye Martin; Charlene Lazarine; Mary Taylor; and Dorthea Fort.

Scrapbooks and members' recollections reveal the Chapter's involvement in local, state and general projects. Highlights were the USA Bicentennial in 1976, Texas Sesquicentennial in 1986, 200th Anniversary of the Ratification of the Constitution, and NSDAR's 100th Anniversary. Tasting Teas, Garden Parties, Tours of Homes, cemetery indexing projects, memorial services, Constitution Week observances, pilgrimages to historic places, books compiled and sent to DAR Library, service projects to veterans, and many others are a part of the Chapter's history.

An outstanding Bicentennial project was a slide production with narration: "History of Cherokee County." It was presented to over 100 civic, church, and historic groups in East Texas. Numerous activities have been on the Chapter's annual agenda; honoring outstanding teachers of American History, field trips to historic places, sponsoring scholarship applicants, recognizing DAR Good Citizens, giving American History essay awards, participating in naturalization ceremonies, literacy tutoring, correspondent docents, genealogy workshops, service to our veterans, outstanding Constitution Week programs, emphasis on the correct use of the flag, placing markers, marking graves, State Conference and Continental Congress, National Defense emphases, and many others. We have recognized local citizens with Conservation awards and Community Service awards. In 1988, the Chapter purchased flags and a DAR Banner; charter members were honored when our charter was hung in the Public Library. In 1988, applications were microfilmed and placed in a vault. At the 89th TSDAR Conference, Emily Anderson, was awarded 1st place, Museum Correspondent Docent Program, for having presented 125 programs to 3,223 persons. Janet Reno was her partner. Ogreta Huttash has received several awards for her compilations of Cherokee County records and submissions to the DAR Library. While our membership is waning, the chapter remains committed to our motto, "God, Country, and Home." With four new members and six prospects, we look to the future with encouragement.



Emily Anderson, 1st place winner, DAR Museum Correspondent Docent, shown with Mrs. T. E. Bachner, TSDAR Chairman, at the 89th TSDAR Conference in Dallas.



Founders' Day, October 2000, honoring Past Regents: (l-r) Katherine Morton, Carol Couvillion, Vice Regent Florence Patton, Martha Gandy, Joan Purdom

Margaret Montgomery - Conroe

The Margaret Montgomery Chapter was organized October 6, 1950, by Mrs. S. W. Bilsing. During 1975 to 2000, our Chapter members have appreciated the service and leadership of the following Regents: Mesdames H. R. Surratt (1973-1977), W. D. Tiner (1977-1979), J. L. Couvillion (1979-1981), F. H. Elmore (1981-1983), James Reynolds (1983-1985), C. E. Foster (1985-1987), F. G. Murray (1987-1989), N. A. Mitchell (1989-1991), J. D. Morton (1991-1993), Larry Rolfe (1993-1995), N. A. Mitchell (1995-1996), Don Purdom, (1996-1999), and John Fendley (1999-2001.

In February 1975, JAC chairman Edith Reynolds presented four 4th graders with the Thatcher Awards and Citations for outstanding service and citizenship. We celebrated the Bicentennial in February 1976, with a period style show. In March, 1985, Regent Edith Reynolds and Hostess Inez Elmore held a Tea honoring our past Regent and new Texas State Regent, Nancy Tiner.

We have presented books to libraries, sent many (and won) JAC entries to National JAC competition, given annually a scholarship and numerous Good Citizen Awards, many gifts and cards for Veterans, and participated in Constitution Week and National Defense on a regular basis. A few bright spots and highlights include field trips to Clayton Library, to Washington on the Brazos, and to the Tharp Acreage. Some of our favorite guests include many State Regents and officers, Representative Kevin Brady, Judge Ted Poe, and Jerry Woodfill of NASA. Our scholarship was officially named the Alma Merwine Bilsing Memorial Scholarship. In February 1999, Treasurer Kathy Richardson announced our new website. Regent Dawn Fendley had the honor to host our 50-year Founder's Day Celebration on October 6th, 2000. We chose to have a Birthday Party and honored our past Regents as special guests. Guest speaker was Texas Vice Regent Florence Patton who spoke on "One Nation under God."



Martha Jefferson Randolph - Sherman

The Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter was organized on December 2, 1927, in Sherman, Texas. The Organizing Regent was Mrs. C. H. Gillespie, and the honor of naming the Chapter was given to her. She chose to name it for one of her ancestors, a daughter of Thomas Jefferson.

Regents serving since 1975 are the following: Miss Caroline C. Biddle (1975); Mrs. T. Vaden Winn (1975-1976); Mrs. William H. Harrison (1976); Mrs. Stanley Johnson (1976-1978); Miss Elizabeth Bledsoe (1978-1980); Mrs. Horace Groff (1980-1982); Mrs. Jerry Chapmen (1982-1984); Mrs. N. B. Birge (1984-1986); Mrs. Samuel P. Brooks (1986-1988); Mrs. Polly Jane Statham (1988-1990); Mrs. T. G. McGraw (1990-1992); Mrs. Mary Ann Pittman (1992-1994); Mrs. J. Stanley Schultz (1994-1996); Mrs. Ray L. Satterfield (1996-1998); Mrs. Owen G. Jones (1998-2000); and Mrs. James Wilson (2000).

The Chapter has had many honors during these years. In 1977, it had the first-place winner in the State Essay Contest, and in 1993, it had another first-place winner in the same contest. It has had the opportunity to participate in the Texas Sesquicentennial, the 250th birthday of Thomas Jefferson, the 206th anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine, and the Bicentennial of Sam Houston.

Official visits of various State and National officers were noted. Mrs. Frank Trau, a member of the Chapter who served as State Regent, State Parliamentarian, Corresponding Secretary General, and Vice President General of NSDAR, made an official visit. In addition, so did State Regents Barbara Harrell and Nancy Tiner. The National Conservation award was presented to Dr. Howard McCarley, and in 1992, Dr. Ann Thomas received the Americanism award Nationally. Dr. John D. Moseley, President of Austin College, received the Medal of Honor. These were all worthy awardees. An endowment has been established to fund a scholarship to a high school senior from one of the 12 high schools in the county. Our Organizing Regent has had a continuing influence on the Chapter due to the fact that her daughter-in-law was also a Regent, and her granddaughter-in-law is now a Chapter member. It is an honor to have such members.



Martha Jefferson Randolph



U.S. Flag and Texas Flag fly proudly.

Martha Laird - Mount Pleasant

The dawn of the 1970s found a thriving Martha Laird Chapter with a membership over the 90 mark. Martha Laird Daughters of that day were active in the community with flag raising ceremonies at the Titus County Courthouse or the Library each June in celebration of Flag Day. A supper meeting at the home of one member or another usually followed this event. Each November, members brought dolls to be given as Christmas gifts to the children of Tamassee DAR School, and the December meetings included a gift exchange between the members. Membership was dynamic with new names presented for membership at each meeting.

To our great sorrow, in February of 1982, we learned of the death of our Organizing Regent, Mrs. Zenobia Lide. Mrs. Lide was the great-great-granddaughter of Martha Laird Harris for whom our Chapter was named. That same year, our Good Citizen essay was reviewed at the National level. In May of that year, 29 members were presented with 25-year certificates. Members gathered in Caldwell Park in February, 1983, to plant a tree in memory of Mrs. T. B. Caldwell, our Organizing Treasurer. This decade also saw the formation of the James Kirk Society, Children of the American Revolution. A Sesquicentennial Tea was held in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of our State's Independence.

We began the DAR year in 1990 with a flag raising ceremony at the Mt. Pleasant Public Library, with our United States Congressman and Texas State Senator in attendance. Senator Ratliff presented us with a Texas Flag that had flown over the State Capitol. The American Flag presented by the Congressman had flown over our Nation's Capitol. In January, 1991, we celebrated the 102nd birthday of one of our members with an advertisement in the DAR magazine. That notable milestone prompted us to unanimously vote to pay the State and National dues for any member reaching the age of 100.

Martha McCraw - Jefferson

The Martha McCraw Chapter was named in honor of the great-great-great grandmother of the Organizing Regent, Mrs. R. A. Loomis. It was organized on February 22, 1955, during the term of Loretta Grim Thomas, Texas State Regent, 1952-1955. Of the 20 eligible women who became chapter members, one is still active, Mrs. R. D. Small. The Chapter has more than doubled in size and draws members from the East Texas area. Martha McCraw was born Martha Lumpkin, granddaughter of a Captain in the Army of Virginia married to William McCraw.

Regents serving 1975-2000 were the following: Mrs. Jack Bullard (1971-1976); Mrs. James Dannelly (1976-1980); Mrs. Alvin Hood (1980-1984); Mrs. Gordon Albert (1984-1990); Mrs. Ray F. McKissack (1990-1996); Mrs. Roderick Warfield, III (1996-1998); Mrs Vernon H. Moore, Jr. (1998-2000); and Mrs. William A. McCain (2000-2006).

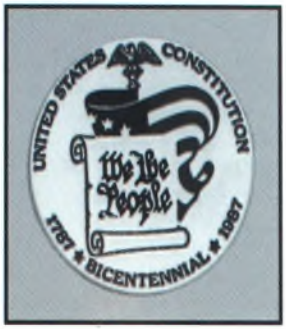
The patriotism which dedicated the organization of the Chapter is so strong a sentiment that it binds the members in sisterly affection.

Members have served at the National and State levels. Mrs. J. M. DeWare III served as National Vice-Chairman of American History (1966-1968), State Historian (1966-1968), and State Chaplain (1968-1970). Mrs. James Dannelly served as State Program Chairman (1976-1979). Mrs. Stuart M. Bumpas served as State DAR Scholarship Chairman (1979-1982).

Chapter members helped arrange activities for the 1998 TSDAR East Texas Historic Bus Tour, which included a visit to Potter's Point on Caddo Lake and a tour of Freeman Plantation.

There were many grave markers dedicated during the period, and two DAR Medals of Honor were awarded to Veterans in 2000. There were an average of 40 American History Essays submitted each year from Linden, Jefferson and Avinger High Schools; participants received certificates and winners received medals. Each year Good Citizenship Medals were given to a senior in three High Schools. The patriotism which dedicated the organization of the Martha McCraw Chapter is so strong a sentiment that it binds the members in sisterly affection, as together they further objectives of the National Society.





In 1987, the NSDAR celebrated the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Martin Preuitt, Jr. - Snyder

The Martin Preuitt, Jr., Chapter was organized on April 16, 1977. Mrs. Henry F. Clark, Jr., was Organizing Regent. Mrs. Jimmy Don Hale, a member of the Anne Pettus Shelburne Chapter of Rotan, officiated at the meeting and installed the Chapter officers.

Martin Preuitt, Jr., the Chapter namesake, was born July 15, 1752, in North Carolina. He served in the Revolutionary War under General George Washington until the Colonies gained their independence. Martin Preuitt, Jr., and his brother, Isaac Preuitt, took part in the famous Battle of King's Mountain, fought on October 7, 1780. This is considered one of the most important engagements in the South during the war. Martin Preuitt Jr., is the ancestor of the founding regent, Virginia Preuitt Clark.

Past Regents of the Chapter for 1977-2000: Mrs. Henry F. Clark, Jr. (1977-1979); Mrs. J. Scott Casey (1979-1981); Mrs. Louise Thompson (1981-1983); Mrs. Clyde Hall, Jr. (1983-1985); Mrs. Bernhard Bartels (1985-1987); Mrs. Bernard Longbotham (1987-1989); Mrs. J. D. Hinton (1989-1991): Mrs. Maribeth Vestal (1991-1993); Mrs. Vernon McMillan (1993-1995); Mrs. Don Adams (1995-1997); Mrs. Dorothy Borne (1997-1999); Mrs. Mickey Sterling (1999-2001).

The Battle of King's Mountain

Nearly half the men who fought at the Battle of King's Mountain were Tennessee "Overmountain Men." This battle is credited with having turned the tide of the Revolution.

Mary Garland - Brownwood

To emphasize the Bicentennial, the Mary Garland Chapter began 1975 by sponsoring the application for a historical marker for the Adams Shaw House. By the late 1970s, Regent Mrs. Smith Bell helped reactivate the C.A.R. Society. The Chapter sponsored many teas, with members attending in elaborate Colonial dress. One party honored our State Regent. Also, dressed in Colonial attire and accompanied by fife and drums, Howard Payne University (HPU) Professor, Dr. Corardine, delivered Patrick Henry's famous speech of 1775: "Give me liberty or give me death." Mrs. Robert Bell, Regent, said this was a relaxed era, and the membership grew.

In 1987, when Mrs. J. Edward Johnson was Regent, HPU gave Mary Garland access to a room in the HPU Library to house its large genealogical collection. Mrs. Brooke Ramey donated some of her books and two bookcases. The Chapter also indexed 90 pages of genealogical records to be sent to TSDAR. On September 14, 1991, Mary Garland hosted the Fall Workshop, led by State Regent Mrs. John Kenneth Harrell. Mrs. Tillman Moore, Regent, organized the event which had representatives from 60 towns. Mrs. H. H. Stephens, a 3rd generation Regent in her family, was installed on May 7, 1992, and served for two consecutive terms. During this period, besides patriotic programs and projects, the Chapter's HPU Library room was flooded, and over 1200 books had to be moved and reindexed.

Mrs. W. W. Bell became Regent when Mrs. Ben Stephens died. She completed Mrs. Stephens' term as well as her own. One of the most innovative changes was to create a Chapter website. Her daughter, Susan Bell, Outstanding Junior for two consecutive years, designed the Mary Garland webpage, for which she received National recognition. Another junior, Deborah Crowder, planned several activities in recognition of the George Washington Bicentennial. Mrs. Bell's term ended with a Birthday Tea celebrating Mary Garland's 90th birthday.

The last 25 years have been productive and rewarding. We continue to gain new members who love God, Home, and Country; and we feel that the next 25 years will be as rich with friendships as in the past.



Outstanding Chapter members in the 1980s (r-l): Tessica Martin (Regent 1973-1976, 1988-1990), Neely Moore, Hazel Wetzel, Merlene Stephens (Regent 1996-1998), Opal Cawyer, Lorene Bishop and Opal Langford.



Mary Isham Keith Centennial Celebration 1898-1998, honoring the Chapter Executive Board

Mary Isham Keith - Fort Worth

Mary Isham Keith is proud of over 100 years of service. It experienced a "Golden Decade" from 1970-1980, making the Gold Honor Roll all 10 years and becoming the largest Texas chapter in 1980. By 1998, its Centennial Year, it had 450 members. *"The Soul of America,"* composed by Harriett Clemons for the celebration, won the NSDAR American Heritage Award.

Two college scholarships were presented annually, with two more instituted in 2000. Naturalized citizens were greeted. Schools received flags and historical presentations. A flagpole was presented to the Woman's Club of Fort Worth in 1987. Many schools participated in the History Essay Contest, resulting in a 7th-grade TSDAR winner in 1987. DAR Schools and two C.A.R. Societies were supported. Good Citizens were recognized, ROTC medals given, historic places and graves marked, and veterans aided. Flag Day, Constitution Week, Veterans Day, Washington's Birthday, and Memorial Day commemorated. The Museum Correspondent Docent Team gained State and National honors. The DAR Museum, Library, Archives, building renovation, and Presidents General projects were supported.

Medals of Honor were presented to Rev. John Hildebrand, Dr. Paul Stevens, J. A. Gooch, Harriet Griffin, Dr. James Moudy, Dr. Edith Deen, William Marquardt, Judge Eldon Mahon, Mayor Willard Barr, Mayor Bob Bolen, Mayor Bayard Friedman, Perry Bass, Judson Cramer, and David Barton; Americanism Medals to Dr. John Drakeford, Rabbi Isadore Garsek and Stephen Seleny; History Awards to Dr. Malcollm McLean, Mack Williams, Dr. David Edmunds, Dr. John Newport, Dr. Lyle Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins Garrett, and Dr. Rose Mary Rumbley; History Preservation Awards to Jon McConal; Outstanding History Teacher to Tom Lemmons, Carolyn Estes, William Shelton, Dan Lamb, Penny Sturgiss, and Joann Shaw; Community Service Awards to Nancy Willson-Webb and Susan Pritchett; Conservation Award to Fort Worth Clean City.

Regents were Paulyne Harmonson, Elizabeth Livermore, Nancy Sherman, Martha Minton, Virginia Rogers, Lesbia Roberts, Joye Evetts, Terry Koehler, Linda Anthony, Jean Price, Rosemary Davis, Elizabeth Smedley, and Virginia Long. Chapter members have chaired and served on State and National Committees and have been State officers. The following served during 1975-2000: Camille Wallace, Chaplain (1973-1976); Ann Tucker, Chaplain (1979-1982); Martha Minton, Curator (1988-1991); Jean Price, Curator (1993-1995); and Dorothy Truitt, Librarian (1998-2001).

Mary Martin Elmore Scott - Huntsville

Revering patriotism, the Chapter, which is named for a Real Daughter, annually presents a DAR medal and certificate to the outstanding ROTC cadet at Military Day at Sam Houston State University. The Americanism Medal was presented in 1986 to Rolando Del Carman and in 1997 to Angelita Santos Cockrell. Medals of Honor have been presented to Dr. E. M. Addison, Dr. Elliott Bowers, Dr. W. E. Lowry, Mr. Mance E. Park and Mr. Ed Sandhop.

In 1986, Daughters were active in the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Texas and Huntsville. They also helped Walker County celebrate its 140th birthday. The Chapter celebrated the Bicentennial in 1987, sponsoring a community-wide program. Regent Mrs. Mance E. Park served as General Chairperson; schools, churches, and citizens participated. We observe Constitution Week with a luncheon and special program, including a mayoral proclamation. In 1988, "Flags of the Constitution," presented by Xerox Corp., were displayed at the local mall.

The Chapter presented a DAR Good Citizen pin and certificate to one senior girl and one senior boy from the three high schools: Huntsville, New Waverly, and Trinity. In 1989, the first Teacher of American History Award was presented to Mrs. Helen Bass, Mance Park Junior High. This was followed in 1994 by an award to Mrs. Carol Nichols, in 1997 to Mrs. Kay Reynolds, and in 1998 to Mrs. Martha Williams. During American History Month, the Chapter sponsors an essay contest in the 8th grade. An award is presented to the winner, and all who participate are recognized.

In addition to our Mary Bush Smither scholarship, the Chapter was given funds to endow a scholarship in memory of Virginia Kreig. In 1994, the Chapter hosted a coffee at the Sam Houston Museum to honor Mrs. Nancy Tiner and her team of national candidates. There were 110 members and guests in attendance. We celebrated the 80th birthday of the Chapter on March 16, 1996.

Regents from 1975-2000 were Mesdames Eugene M. Addison, William R. Carmichael, J. Rush Stewart, William J. Blythe, Mance E. Park, J. D. Dickenson, W. T. Robinson, Jr., John W. Schwetman, Lewis Nichols, and Anthony Wolfskill.



Gravemarker for Mary Martin Elmore Scott in the Willis City Cemetery, Montgomery County, cleaned by the Chapter during the period of this history



Past Regents and Officers in 1984, from the Plainview Daily Herald

Mary McCoy Baines - Plainview

The Mary McCoy Baines Chapter meets eight times yearly with historical and patriotic programs. Every year we send delegates to the State Conference and to Continental Congress. Yearly we win achievement awards for our yearbook and for the Master Questionnaire. For the U. S. Bicentennial we contributed to the 1976 opening of the Llano Estacado Museum, and members served on the Museum Board. We supported the Unger Library Genealogical Collection with books and equipment. We yearly donated books and other articles to the VA Hospital in Amarillo and collected and sent labels to DAR schools. To celebrate DAR's 100th Anniversary, we honored past Regents with a Centennial Tea. We placed 11 grave markers, including one for Organizing Regent, Mrs. J. Waring Walker, and four for loyal DAR sisters: Faye Curry (Mrs. Sam), Mozelle Slaton (Mrs. Henry Dyer), Naomi Matlock (Mrs. J. L.), and "Bea" Oswald (Mrs. James B.).

Four nursing students received DAR scholarships. Ten students received Good Citizens Awards and there were 10 essay winners. Amber Williams' essay on Fort Laramie won the State American History Essay Contest in 1998. We support JAC with programs, awards, and contributions. Among Louise Harper's accomplishments were the publication of *The Changing Role of Women During World War II* and a weekly column in the *Plainview Daily Herald*. Ramona Roberts (Mrs. J. B.) helped edit and publish *Plainview Homes and Families*. She and her family have been major contributors to the Museum archives. In 1980, Mrs. Owen Egger (Virdie) taught a six-week course on genealogy at Wayland Baptist University and was honored in 1996 by the Genealogical Society. In 2000, the Chapter planted a tree in Millennium Park, thanks to Linda Reed (Mrs. George), and flags were given out in the community. Barbara McDonough (Mrs. John F.) served 15 years as Registrar, completing 30 memberships and 50 supplements.

Past Regents include Mrs. Lewellyn Miller, Mrs. Harley Wells, Mrs. Wayne Arnold, Mrs. Donald Lee Terrell, Mrs. James Robison, Mrs. Hal Vance Campbell, Mrs. Carl Williams, Mrs. Wes Campbell, Mrs. George Reed (two terms), Mrs. Paul Scott (two terms), Mrs. Bobby McBeth, and Mrs. Jack Miller.

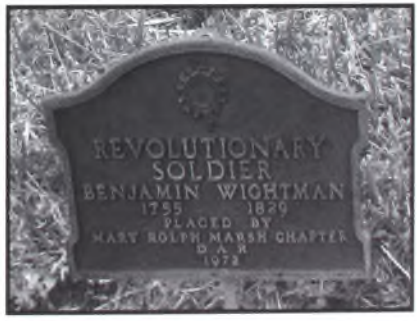
Mary Rolph Marsh - Bay City

On October 16, 1971, 22 members met at the home of Martha Moore, Organizing Regent, to install the first officers of the Chapter. They were: Mesdames Clyde Bess, H. W. Estill, Eaton Grisham, Howard Ham, M. T. Huebner, J. W. Ingram, C. E. Lee, W. C. Lloyd, H. J. McAllister, Harris Milner, Paul Norwood, Carl Salas, Carey Smith, Jr., Daryl Thompson, Albert Wadsworth, John Woolsey, Jo Wyse, and Misses Sharon Grisham, Ethel Gusman, Martha Moore, Betty Scott and Grace Selkirk. The Chapter was named for the wife and mother of Revolutionary War soldiers and Miss Moore's ancestor.

Since its beginning, this Chapter has planned programs and projects of historic, educational and patriotic value. Community Service Awards have been given and projects such as honoring Good Citizens and conducting patriotic essay contests in all schools have been carried out. Mary Ingram was instrumental in organizing a flag program for Bay City to have the Flag of the USA flown throughout the city every day, especially holidays. Many State Historical Markers have been placed in Matagorda County through Mary Ingram's research and recording of history over the years.

Benjamin Wightman is the only Revolutionary soldier buried in Matagorda County, and the Chapter marked his grave with a bronze medallion and ceremonies. Our Chapter sponsors the Benjamin Wightman C.A.R. Society. Observing our 10th anniversary in 1981, a scholarship fund was established by Organizing Regent Moore. The Chapter has given two or three graduating seniors a $500 scholarship every year since 1981. Donna Johnson served as TSDAR State Registrar from 1987 through 1991. Regents have been: Martha Moore, Mary Ingram, Esther Smith, Sallie Salas, Marcella Odom, Jessica Jecmenek, Donna Johnson, Margaret Seerden, Zula Atwood, Faye Vos, Janet Jickl, Jim Howze, Muriel Lawhon, Rosanne Burgess, and Sally Woolsey.

In 2000, membership is 66, of which seven are organizing members. This Chapter looks back over 29 years with pride in the accomplishments its made in fostering patriotism and carrying out our NSDAR Motto: "God, Home, and Country."



Benjamin Wightman's gravemarker

"The Daughters of Liberty"

With the boycott of British cloth in 1769, the Daughers of Liberty of Newport, Rhode Island served their country by spinning from six o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening so they mighht wear their own cloth.



The gravesite of Mary Shirley McGuire on Horse Mountain Road in Shelbyville, Tennessee

Mary Shirley McGuire - Plano

In 1975, the 24 organizing members chose the name Mary Shirley McGuire to honor a patriot of the American Revolution. She, husband, and son were taken from their farm near Martin's Fort in Kentucky County, Virginia, June 1780. They were held with other prisoners at Montreal, Quebec, Canada, until October 1782. Chapter members descended from Mary Shirley McGuire are Gladys Burchett, Bertha Head, Pat Hunter, and Sallie Mackey.

Organizing Regent Jan Samuels (1975-1977) was followed by Regents Janet Richeson, Gwen Neumann, Jeanne Davis, Audrey Kirst, Bennie Curry, Sallie Mackey, Kay Sloan, Glenn Ann Hunt, Vonnie Eggleston, Kit Amos, Cassandra Smalling, Deborah Kazarian, and Kathleen Adler.

Events remembered are "A Promenade of Vintage Wedding Gowns" in honor of the Texas Sesquicentennial; Gladys Harrington, Chapter member and Plano pioneer, receiving a Community Service Award for establishing the first library in 1955 in a storefront, with Plano building The Gladys Harrington Library in 1969; July 4th parade floats, with "Spirit of 1776" winning Most Patriotic and "Betsy Ross" winning Most Original Entry. When Plano finished restoring turn-of-the-century Old Interurban Electric Railway Station, the Chapter donated a Texas Historical Marker, which was unveiled by the Regent on June 17, 1991. A member donated the painting *U. S. S. Constitution (Old Ironsides)*, circa 1900, to NSDAR. Awards went to DAR Good Citizens (1980 State/South Central Division winner); American History Essay and Outstanding Teacher of American History Contests (1989 State/South Central Division winners); and JROTC. U. S. Flags went to schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Heritage Farmstead Museum; and genealogy books and records to local and NSDAR libraries. Remembered are exhibits and Mayors' Proclamations for American History and Constitution Week; gifts to Veterans Hospital and DAR Schools; thousands of U.S. Flag codes and small flags given on each 4th of July; and planting a Millennium tree in Russell Creek Park honoring deceased members.

In 1996, fund-raising began to purchase a DAR Historical Marker for the gravesite of Mary Shirley McGuire in Shelbyville, Tennessee, with application to NSDAR submitted in 1998. The Chapter turned 25 years old December 5, 2000, with 76 members.

Mary Tyler - Tyler

Founded on Feb. 28, 1907, with 12 charter members, the Mary Tyler Chapter was originally named Tyler Chapter. The name was changed on March 3, 1909, to Mary Tyler in honor of the mother of John Tyler, the 10th president of the United States. The chapter has continued to grow to a membership of more than 200 as it approaches its centennial year.

Regents who served from 1975-2000 are Mrs. Charles Holmsley, Mrs. Julian Smith, Mrs. Elbert Dew, Miss Mildred Littlejohn, Mrs. Gaither McElroy, Mrs. Gunby Andrews, Mrs. Dickie Warren, Mrs. Larry Burks, Mrs. Harley Errett, Mrs. Roger Mitchell, and Mrs. Albert Hagg.

Actively participating in community affairs, commemorating special historic events, and promoting patriotic education have remained goals of the Chapter. Each fall, members join with other patriotic organizations to celebrate Constitution Week and to host a Heritage Booth at the East Texas State Fair to distribute brochures and to tell the DAR story to prospective members. In February, a tea is held to honor George Washington's birthday and to recognize local students who have been selected Good Citizens and who have entered scholarship and history contests. Silver Teas are held to raise money for different charities and to recruit new members.

Contributions of books, personal items and money are taken each year to a veterans hospital or to veterans in nursing homes. Many publications have been donated to local libraries. The Chapter strongly supports DAR Schools and American Indian projects. Members are always present at naturalization ceremonies. Mrs. Warren presents a program consisting of a welcoming address and patriotic music. On many occasions, receptions were held for new citizens and their families. Special recognition has been given to Mrs. Errett and Mrs. Warren, who were named Outstanding Regents by the Juniors and to Mrs. Burks who paged for 13 years and received the honors of Outstanding Junior and Outstanding Page. A national award was given to Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Burks for presenting more than 100 programs at schools. Mrs. Burks produced a Texas Junior video and donated a rose garden on the grounds of the DAR Building in Washington, D.C.



Constitution Week Luncheon 1978: (l-r) Mrs. Julian Smith, Regent, Mrs Sam Harrison, Constitution Week Chairman; Rev. David Williams, pastor of Glenwood United Methodist Church; and principal speaker, Mrs. Gunby Andrews, Program Chairman



Five of the remaining 20 charter members: (l-r) Freddie Hodges, Ginny Sillers, Organizing Regent Chili Sanders, Joan Stansbury, and Ann Carelock

Michael Stoner - Dallas

Michael Stoner Chapter participated in the Dallas Area Regents Council (DARC) Bicentennial projects, refurbishing a Victorian parlor at Dallas' Old City Park and constructing a gazebo in University Park's Goar Park, which is used for patriotic observances. We also arranged and sponsored a display of needlework at the Highland Park Town Hall. For the 1985 Texas Sesquicentennial project, we worked with DARC to provide the Dallas Public Library with microfilm of the Compiled Service Records of the Revolutionary War. We collaborated on the renovation of the living room and music room at Millermore Mansion in Old City Park.

We have supported the volunteer efforts at the VA Hospital and have supplied several dedicated volunteers. The Chapter presented the DAR History Medal to John Waugh, Medals of Honor to Roger Staubach, Boone Powell Sr., John Evans, Judge Merrill Hartman, and Dr. Charles Sprague. It presented Community Service Awards to Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, Chair of the Texas Board of Education; Julie Noble, literacy volunteer; and Marguerite Plumbo, community volunteer.

Bonner DeShazo served as State Organizing Secretary, State Chairman of National Defense and Service to Veterans Committees, and 1981 General Conference Chairman. Colleen Mohrle, Cathleen Mohrle, Julie Noble and Roybeth Savage have been Chapter Outstanding Juniors. Cleon Gilmore received the State Juniors' Outstanding Chapter Regent award. Several members have served on the State Resolutions Committee. DeLois Mohrle and Chili Sanders have served the Texas Society as Professional Parliamentarians.

For our 25th Anniversary celebration in December 1998, ten former Regents were present as well as the State Regent, three other State Officers, and the Division III Chairman. The Chapter donated a seat for Constitution Hall in honor of the anniversary. At meetings throughout that year, charter members told of the accomplishments of the Chapter and happenings in the world for an assigned timeframe, a popular addition to the agenda.

The Chapter always strives for a good showing in the Chapter Achievement Award. Superb speakers and wonderful food assure a large percentage turnout for meetings.

Molino de Viento - Dumas

The Molino de Viento Chapter was organized June 12, 1975. The Organizing Regent was Mrs. Ramon L. Dillow. The Chapter's major project was the Good Citizens program honoring seven high school seniors from seven area towns. A tea was held in Dalhart each year to honor the students. Invitations were delivered to family members and friends of the honoree. Judges read many essays by all of the students from Channing, Dalhart, Dumas, Hartley, Stratford, Sunray, and Texline. There are names on the plaques in seven schools from 1977 to 2002, the last year the students were recognized because the Chapter was disbanded.

The newspapers in Stratford, Dumas and Dalhart reported the Good Citizens Tea. Reporting in the *Dalhart Texan* covered two pages with pictures and a biography of each student. The *Amarillo Daily News* covered the Good Citizen awards in 1989.

Constitution Week was a favorite event for the Chapter. District Judge Ron Enns went to the seven schools for an assembly program on "The Separation of Church and State According to the Origin of the Constitution of the United States of America." Mayor Gene Rahl of Dalhart issued a Proclamation for Constitution Week. An outstanding program for Constitution Week was "A Bicentennial Tribute to George Washington." A storyteller presented himself in all of the regalia of George Washington. Everyone felt as though we were back 200 years enduring the hardships of the war and the management of a plantation.

Assisted by three Federated Women's Clubs, the Molino de Viento Chapter presented each of the seven area schools with a tree at special school assemblies. Susan Lemon honored the ladies when she shared her story about the Indian program in NSDAR.

The Chapter received many awards for the participation in the Chapter Achievement Award and the Yearbook contest awards.

For the last 10 years of the Chapter's existence organizing members were still participating by being hostesses, making plans, and filling out the reports.

Mildred Bosler, Donna Mills, Geneva Moor, Shirley Ogle, and Virginia Bennett were Charter Members that were active for twenty-five years. Joining the ladies soon after the Chapter was organized were Gladys Knight and Ruby Smith.



Mildred Bosler, Glady Knight and Nancy Woods at the Good Citizens Tea, 1994



Regent Pattye Greer (far right) and members of the Nacogdoches Chapter presented a new flag to the City of Nacogdoches for its renovated and enhanced downtown square on June 9, 1995.

Nacogdoches - Nacogdoches

During the last 25 years of the 20th century, the Nacogdoches Chapter has continued to promote the National Society's mission of promoting patriotism, education, and historic preservation. DAR Medals of Honor and Americanism Medals were presented to worthy local candidates. National Awards were received for the numerous Junior American Citizens Clubs.

Chapter Regents led members in worthy achievements. In 1976, during the term of Chapter Regent Winnie C. Moss, 1973-1976, the Chapter celebrated its 50th Golden Anniversary. Betty Sue Biggerstaff followed as Chapter Regent in 1976-1979. Gene H. Thomas led the Chapter as Regent from 1979-1980 and began the establishment of Regents' Councils in Texas, when, as Division Chairman, she met with Chapter Regents in the southern portion of her Division IV. Special activities during Chapter Regency of Florence F. Patton from 1982-1985 included the planting of a George Washington Memorial Tree commemorating Washington's 250th Birthday beside the Nacogdoches Old University on Washington Square on November 15, 1982; the compilation and publication of a genealogical book by the Chapter Genealogical Records Chairman entitled *Abstracts of Wills Nacogdoches County 1845-1903*; and the co-sponsorship of the Nacogdoches Chapter with the Nacogdoches Bar Association and Stephen F. Austin State University for the January, 1984, public presentation of the original Magna Charta Exemplar from England's Lincoln Cathedral in the "Magna Charta in Nacogdoches" Exhibit.

Chapter Regent Peggy W. Wright, 1985-1988, offered excellent leadership during her term of office, during which the Chapter gave a U. S. Flag with pole and illumination to the city for the downtown city square. While Betty H. Rinker served as Regent from 1988-1991, the Nacogdoches Chapter hosted one of the State Society Fall Workshops in September, 1990. Chapter Regent Laura Beth Wall, 1991-1994, hosted the first genealogical workshop for the Chapter. Regent Pattye C. Greer, 1991-1994, presided over the rededication of the Camino Real DAR marker on Main Street in Nacogdoches. Eleanor Q. Cox served a successful term from 1997-2000. Florence F. Patton was elected to State Office in 1991 as State Corresponding Secretary, subsequently serving as State Recording Secretary in 1994-1997 and State Chaplain in 1997-2000.

Nancy Anderson - Lubbock

The Nancy Anderson Chapter has a long and proud history of service to the community, state, and nation. The Chapter, founded in 1926, was named for Nancy Stevenson Anderson. She was born in Scotland and reared in Ireland. In 1772, she married William Anderson and came to South Carolina as a bride. Her husband was killed in battle in 1780. Her grandson was James A. Smith, the Organizing Regent's great grandfather.

Mrs. Gus L. Ford organized the chapter that bears the name of her ancestor on April 17, 1926. The original membership was 15. At the time of the publication of the last 25-year history, the membership stood at 110 members. In 2000, there were 148 members. Chapter Regents serving during the 25 years with the dates they served were Mrs. Grady M. Wallace (1976-1980), Mrs. Paul Cates (1980-1982), Mrs. Robert C. Hughes (1982-1986), Mrs. Joseph S. Hodges (1986-1988), Mrs. Ann N. Drake (1988-1991), Mrs. Barbara Cooper (1991-1994), Mrs. W. F. Newsome (1994-1997), and Mrs. Dianna Phillips Stubblefield (1997-2000). Chapter member Ann N. Drake served as State Curator during the term of State Regent Mrs. John K. Harrell.

The Chapter has been very busily involved in the community. In 1976, the Nancy Anderson chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary with a proclamation by then City Mayor Roy Bass and a window display in a local department store. Two charter members who were still members were recognized. There have been many outstanding programs during these 25 years, including a slide presentation on the Panama Canal by Dr. C. L. Kay of Lubbock Christian University; a talk on "The Traditions of Celebrating Christmas" by Dr. J. Wilkes Berry, Chairman of the English department at Texas Tech University; and talks on Revolutionary War churches, on quilting, and on the Siege of Yorktown. In addition, the Chapter has observed Constitution Week, presented area students with Good Citizenship Awards, had programs on National Defense, contributed to DAR schools, and given flags, codes, and manuals to newly naturalized citizens each year.



Jane Garrett at Memorial Day Service in the Lubbock Cemetery where the Chapter annually places flags on veterans' graves.



Sandra Bassett served as State Librarian, State Organizing Secretary, and on the National Speaker's Staff.

Nancy Horton Davis - Dallas

In 1957, Delia Dugan organized the Chapter, and Organizing/ Chapter members Ruth Lutken, Leona Muse, Alice Spradley, and Frances Ware are still on our roll today. The Chapter has always participated in Continental Congress, TSDAR Conferences, Dallas Area Regents Council (DARC) activities, Commemorative Events (including many 4th of July parades), awarding of American History Essay Contests, JAC and ROTC medals and awards. We sponsor a C.A.R. society and present a Good Citizen Award and scholarship each year. When Dallas DAR chapters cooperated to furnish a room in an historic house in Old City Park, our Chapter contributed cash and heirlooms valued at $600. Ruth Lutken and Laura Allen attended Continental Congress in 1976, the Bicentennial Year, when President Ford addressed the Congress. Upon their return to Dallas, they composed and sang a song to the tune of "Yankee Doodle Dandy" as their report to the Chapter. Sarah Rickey wrote a Bicentennial Salute to the U.S.A., which was published in the TSDAR Fall Bulletin.

Chapter Regents during this period were: Ruth Lutken, Mary Beadles, Jeanne Tabb, Jacqueline Lucas, Catherine M. Orr, Dorothy Groth, Sydney Brainard, Tish Puckett, Sandra Bassett, Cathy Brown, Marilyn Duncan McCulloch, Frances Anderson, and Kimberly Clark. Beadles, Bassett, Anderson, and Clark each served as Regent for three or more terms. We have only elected three Honorary Chapter Regents: Helen Klingman in 1994, who also served as TSDAR Insignia Chairman; Jeanne Tabb in 1998, an Organizing Chapter member known for her generous donations to DAR and service as State Librarian; and Sandra Bassett in 2000, who has also served as State Librarian and State Organizing Secretary, and also was on the National Speaker's Staff. Fran Anderson is a tireless worker on behalf of the Chapter, as well as having served TSDAR as chairman of many different committees. Member Kimberly Clark has produced the chapter yearbook for many years, has had several TSDAR chairmanships, and served twice as National Vice Chairman, Editor of the *Congress Herald*. Members Sydney Brainard and Tina Ripperger have both been named Texas Outstanding Junior, and the Chapter received the coveted Texas State Juniors' Choice Chapter Award in 1998.

Nathaniel Davis - Odessa

Nathaniel Davis Chapter has met continuously since the first installation of officers on May 21, 1957, and its official launching as the 100th DAR Chapter in Texas. Miss Francis EuJean Smith, first installed Regent, received the DAR insignia pin in appreciation for her work in organizing and naming the Chapter after her ancestor. Although the Chapter has enjoyed continuous growth through the years, it has marked the passing of all the original chartered officers and many chartered members, as well as regular members.

It is with great love for our Country that the Chapter continues to Preserve our Heritage for the present and future generations.

Since 1975, the Chapter has presented a U.S. Flag that was flown over the Nation's Capitol to the Presidential Museum. We have participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies, given flags to local Veterans, and taken gifts to a Veterans Hospital. We have presented ROTC Medals, DAR Good Citizens pins, and a $100 Scholarship to Senior Students. A National Defense report is given at every meeting. Constitution Week, George Washington Teas and Luncheons are well attended every year. Courthouse, cemetery and Bible records were sent to State and National Archives. Delegates, Alternates, and Pages represent the Chapter at State and National Conferences. Nathaniel Davis continues to earn blue ribbons for its yearbooks and numerous Committee awards have been received. For many years, the Chapter has sponsored the George Kisinger Society, Children of the American Revolution.

On February 1, 1991, Mrs. Albert E. Janke, Regent, installed the first Chapter officers of the Permian Basin Chapter in Andrews and presented the Chapter Pin as a gift from the Nathaniel Davis Chapter, Odessa. Past Regents include Mrs. Otis E. Brasfield (1975-1977), Mrs. John E. Clark, Sr. (1977-1979), Mrs. George L. Brown (1979-1981), Mrs. Morris W. Williamson (1981-1983), Mrs. Luther J. Barker (1983-1985), Mrs. Warren A. Russell (1985-1987), Mrs. Marcia S. Mettler [transferred] (1987-1988), Mrs. Albert E. Janke (1988-1989 and 1989-1991), Mrs. Marcia S. Mettler (1991-1993), Mrs. Ray E. Hunter (1993-1995), Mrs. Herman L. Marler (1995-1997), Mrs. Morris W. Williamson (1997-1999), Mrs. Jack Crider (1999-2001).

It is with great love for our Country that the Chapter continues to Preserve our Heritage for the present and future generations.



Mary Tipton Crider, Regent 1999-2000

Nathaniel Winston - Cleburne

Nathaniel Winston Chapter was organized January 25, 1957, by Organizing Regent, Merle Michael Ellis (Mrs. Floyd). Nathaniel Winston was born in Franklin County North Carolina, in 1758. He joined the service of the United States in December, 1780. He was present at the surrender of Yorktown and was a cousin of Patrick Henry. He died in Rutherford county, Tennessee, in 1856.

Regents the past 25 years include Mrs. Charles Tucker (1974-1976), Mrs. Marlin Gibbs (1976-1978), Mrs. Travis McCall (1978-1982), Mrs. Jonathan Ellis (1982-1984), Mrs. Bill McLean (1984-1986), Mrs. Wade Burnett (1986-1988), Mrs. Odie Lee Reid (1988-1992), Mrs. Bill McLean (1992-1994), Mrs. L. E. Miller (1994-1996), Mrs. Oran B. Jolley (1996-1998), and Mrs. Sam Wright (1998-2000).



Rededication of King's Highway Marker, October 1999: (l-r) Louise Harris; Virginia Stegall, State Regent; Doris Froehmer; and Sue Turner

The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the republican model of government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people.

George Washington
First Inaugural Address,
April 30, 1789





Texas State Cemetery, Austin, Texas

Ol' Shavano - San Antonio

Founded in 1958, Ol' Shavano ranks third in size of the eight San Antonio Area chapters. It was named for the Ol' Shavano Settlement, the first day's stop by stagecoach traveling west on the Old Spanish Trail, and after the Shavano Indians who wintered nearby. In 1965, the Chapter placed historical markers near the settlement's water hole, post office, first community, early trails, and the restored Moos home, which had served as the stagecoach stop.

In 1999, Ol' Shavano rededicated the Texas Society's King's Highway marker at Nacogdoches and Higgins Road in Northeast San Antonio. Nearby school children were invited to attend and to learn the history behind the marker. Chapter member Lou Harris and her husband Bob have been instrumental in locating many other markers in South Texas as well as documenting the history of the Camino Real.

Ol' Shavano is deeply involved in fostering patriotism, leadership, and history among San Antonio area students. Good Citizens awards are presented to eight high school students. Members attend JROTC awards ceremonies and present medals to 10 outstanding graduating seniors. Books have been presented to elementary schools to commemorate Constitution Week. In honor of American History Month, children's author and chapter member Rita Kerr— dressed in period costume— has presented her books to elementary schools.

Ol' Shavano has long been dedicated to serving members of the Armed Forces, including patients at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital, Wilford Hall Medical Center, and Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) and its renowned burn center. These include military men and women who served in Viet Nam and the Gulf War. Chapter members have brought comfort items, cookies, phone cards and other items. Of special interest are the Fisher Houses, which provide temporary housing for families of long-term patients. At Christmas, Nancy Denning was instrumental in the donation of 15 cell phones with unlimited minutes from Cingular to hospitalized patients for five days. Ol' Shavano was one of the first five chapters to join the Texas website, linked to National. The Chapter shows a pattern of steady growth.

Old Chisholm Trail - Duncanville

Old Chisholm Trail Chapter was organized April 16, 1977, with Twila Bell Gauntt as Organizing Regent. It was chartered a year later with 62 members. The Chapter has presented DAR Medals of Honor to Earl Thomas Mizell and Col. Kenneth Cordier. Ruben and Alina Esquivel were the recipients of the Americanism Medal.

Old Chisholm Trail strongly supports Junior Membership. Junior members serve as Chapter officers, committee chairmen, and Pages at State Conference and Continental Congress. The Junior Bazaar is supported with workers and contributions. Regent Bobby Cutler was named "Outstanding Regent" by Texas Juniors in 1988. Susan Stephenson Reno (1989) and Sara Gunter Hawk were named Texas and South Central Division Outstanding Juniors. Sara was also National Runner-up Outstanding Junior. Sandra Jo and Diana Raz have been named Outstanding Conference Pages. This Chapter has received the "Juniors' Choice Chapter" Award twice.

Chapter activities include participation in the American History Essay and Junior American Citizen Contests, flag presentations, ROTC and DAR Good Citizen awards, and Patriotism medals. A census of Little Bethel and Trees Cemeteries was compiled by Chapter members and published. It was presented to the NSDAR Library and local community libraries. We honor our Revolutionary ancestors at an annual luncheon.

Annual community involvement includes decorating Dallas' Old City Park mansion, Millermore, for the Christmas Candlelight tour for more than 20 years. Proclamations are obtained from several area Mayors commemorating Constitution Week and Chapter members participate in the Duncanville July 4th Parade. Two scholarships are awarded annually. The Mattie Rae Fouts Scholarship, established in 1980, is awarded to a Duncanville High School senior. The Memorial Fund Scholarship, established in 1996, is available for children or grandchildren of Chapter members. Old Chisholm Trail officers and members attend Fall Forum, State Conference, and Continental Congress. Several members have served as State chairmen. Member Susan Reno has served as National Vice Chairman of Public Relations Congress Herald.

Three Forks of the Trinity Society Children of the American Revolution was organized by this Chapter on February 10, 1979 and reactivated January 30, 1995. Old Chisholm Trail provides Senior Society Officers and State Committee Seniors.



Former Regents Cutler, Evans, Gauntt, Reno, Brooks, Wilson, Hawk, Henderson



Longhorn cattle being driven

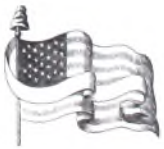
Paisano - Alpine

Paisano means "countryman" or "fellow citizen." The Paisano Chapter is named for Paisano Peak located about eight miles southwest of Alpine. Twelve miles east of Marfa is a pass over the mountain range called "Paisano Pass," and there is an historical marker on the pass. The pass has long figured prominently in local transportation. When the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio built its tracks through the area in 1882, Paisano Pass was reportedly the highest point on the line between New Orleans, Louisiana, and Portland, Oregon.

Paisano Chapter was given final approval as a new DAR Chapter October 7, 1992. Julia Moss was organizing regent. Members came from Brewster, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties and averages about 22. Eight to ten locally are active. Seven are daughters of members. Meetings are held in each member's home on a rotating basis.

A student from Alpine High School was the Chapter's first Good Citizen honoree. Each spring, we now hold a tea to honor a student from each of our four area high schools: Alpine, Marfa, Fort Davis, and Valentine High Schools. Families, teachers and counselors are invited. This is the highlight of our year.

The Chapter's former Regents and terms are as follows: Janette Bowers (1993-1995), Connie White (1995-1997), Miriam Lowrance (1997-1999), and Patricia Miller (1999-2003).



Palo Duro - Tulia

The Palo Duro Chapter was established in Tulia, Texas, on October 14, 1983, with 13 original members. Sixteen additional members were verified and admitted within the charter year.

Palo Duro is Spanish for "hard wood," referring to the canyon's supply of strong cedar brush from which the Indians made their arrow shafts. Palo Duro Canyon, more than 100 miles long, and 1,000 feet deep, has been described as a combination of the Painted Desert and the Grand Canyon. It is actually a huge, colorful gully, carved out of solid rock by millions of years of erosion from running water in the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River. Prehistoric hunters of giant animals, Coronado, Ciboleros, Comancheros, Colonel Goodnight and his herd of Longhorns, as well as travelers of the Texas Panhandle have all found the Palo Duro Canyon a pleasant and sheltered place to live.

Past Regents for the Chapter have been: Mrs. Barbara Foreman 1983-1988; Mrs. Novalene Toles 1988-1990; Mrs. Mary Lee Singer 1990-1994; Mrs. Marjorie Dawson 1994-1996; Mrs. Edna Foster Slater 1996-2000; Mrs. Carolyn Mote 2000-2002.

Members of the Chapter donate time to the local historical society, the museum, reading programs, church activities and local charities. Members have donated books to the National DAR library as well as the Swisher County Library. Continuing programs involve sending coupons overseas to military families, sending cancelled stamps to wounded soldiers, indexing books for the NSDAR Library Master Every Name Index, collecting and donating books and magazines to the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo, and supporting veterans through Veteran's Day ceremonies at local schools and VFW breakfasts.

In 1986, Palo Duro Chapter place first in the Swisher County "Picnic" Parade with "You've Come a Long Way, Ladies" float. In 1989, our Good Citizen Recipient, Jim Tirey, was the State Good CItizen Recipent. In 1989. the Chapter presented Frances Blake, A WWI veteran, a Certificate of Honor. In 1999, Mary Lee Singer placed 1st in Petit Point Needlework at State, and 1st in the South Central Division.



Francisco Vasquez de Coronado



Left to right: Mrs. Luther Martin, Mrs. Arlas Cavett, Mrs. Sydnie Helton, Mrs. Joe Weatherby, Mrs. Johnnie Parker, Mrs. Bob Zugg, Mrs. Marvin Harvey, Mrs. Gerry Tucker

Permian Basin - Andrews

Permian Basin Chapter, the 200th NSDAR Chapter in Texas, was officially organized on February 1, 1991, with 32 Charter Members. Mrs. Albert E. Janke, Regent of the Nathanial Davis Chapter, Odessa, installed Mrs. Billie Ruth Dupree Helton as the Organizing Regent. Mrs. Helton and Mrs. Janine Parish, members of the Nathanial Davis Chapter in Odessa, had been asked to organize a new chapter in Andrews.

By the end of 1992, the Chapter received awards for doubling membership. During 1993-1994, it began sending money, requested items, and Christmas gifts to DAR Schools, as well as donations and gifts to Big Spring's VA Hospital. It had a booth in City Park during Andrews' annual July 4th celebration, which raised funds for DAR Schools and gifts for veterans at the VA Hospital. Beginning in 1995-1996, the Chapter proclaimed a "Constitution Week" in September. Bible records of families in Andrews County were transcribed into book format and copies donated to NSDAR and libraries in both Andrews and Ector Counties. Marriage Records from the County Clerk's offices of Andrews and Gaines Counties were also transcribed and copies given to the county libraries.

In 1997-1998, the Chapter helped celebrate a veteran's 100th birthday. It began giving Good Citizenship Awards to an 8th grade student in Andrews School. Likewise, a senior in high school receives an award. The Andrews High School Student Council annually presents a Veterans Program in honor of veterans of all wars. Chapter members assisted in the registration of veterans who attend so that they may be recognized during the program. A winning essay about our country, written by a high school student and selected by Chapter members, is read at the program. "Our Country's Flag Etiquette" was presented by Andrews Boy Scout Troop 129. The Chapter presented the Scouts with a Flag Award.

During 1999-2000, a M.A. Thesis entitled "Shafter Lake" by member Krista Findley was sent to NSDAR Genealogical Records Committee. It names early families, cemetery listings in Andrews County, and reproduces letters and personal interviews of descendants of early settlers. The Chapter's Research Committee continues to assist prospective members in discovering and documenting their lineage.

Peters Colony - Carrollton

Peters Colony Chapter was organized in Carrollton on October 9, 1990, under direction of Texas State Regent Mrs. Thomas J. Upchurch, Jr., with Mrs. Leon Mobley as Organizing Regent. The Chapter's name was derived from an 1841 Republic of Texas land grant, which included present-day Carrollton and surrounding cities. The Chapter dedicated a plaque at Farmers Branch Historical Park commemorating Peters Colony and the Centennial of NSDAR.

Over the next decade, the Chapter experienced continuous growth and became increasingly dedicated to promoting DAR activities within the several communities where members reside. The Chapter had a very active Constitution Week Committee. On Constitution Day in 1999, the Chapter donated and dedicated to the people and City of Grapevine a plaque and a bell, to be rung during "Bells Across America" for years to come. The Chapter was also instrumental in obtaining a bell for the citizens of Coppell and promoting that city's Constitution Day celebration. In other areas, members volunteered in the Genealogy Section of the Carrollton Public Library and helped with Christmas decorations at the Dallas VA Hospital in conjunction with Isaac Freese Society, C.A.R. The chapter donated copies of chapter member Della Barthelmas' book, *Signers of the Declaration of Independence*, to the DAR Library and local libraries.

Virginia "Ginny" Poffenberger was honored as State Outstanding Junior 1995-1996 and paged at ten Continental Congresses and 16 State Conferences. Sharon Smith designed and implemented the Chapter website. In 1999, the Chapter was represented at the organizing meeting of Peters Colony Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and sponsored a new JAC Club. A Conservation Award, a plaque created from wood of the last surviving Liberty Tree, was presented to the City of Coppell.

From 1990-2000, the Chapter consistently awarded ROTC medals, scholarships to Good Citizens Essay Contest winners, and Community Service and Outstanding History Teacher/Student awards. Chapter members served as Correspondent Docents and held National and State offices and committee positions. In May 2000, Peters Colony Chapter celebrated its first 10 years of service with a ceremony at Farmers Branch Historical Park to rededicate the plaque originally placed in 1990.



Peters Colony docents presenting DAR Library/Museum program: (l-r) Valeta O'Steen, Elizabeth Wolfe and Reba Park



Fort Concho Monument dedicated 1924; rededicated 1999.

Pocahontas - San Angelo

Pocahontas Chapter was organized February 22, 1910, by Maria Lewis Ions, a charter member of NSDAR. In 1991, members purchased and dedicated a marker for her gravesite. This Chapter was also instrumental in recognizing the historical value of Fort Concho and saved it from destruction, encouraged its restoration, and erected a monument, which was rededicated in 1999.

The Chapter was presented the American Heritage Award by the American Heritage Commission, and the Tom Green County Historical Commission for co-sponsoring the San Angelo Columbus Day Quincentennial, and promoting the *Tom Green County History* books. (The Chapter gave four sets to schools.) During 1975-2000, Pocahontas gave flags, including a braille kit. It purchased tiles for the Nature Center, Senior Center, Centennial Bridge, and Animal Shelter. It contributed to the TSDAR Endowed Scholarship and to the Irene Baker Weddell Scholarship at Angelo State University. It supported C.A.R, Historic Murals, and Historic San Angelo. Pocahontas Chapter presented its genealogical library to the West Texas Collection (members add $1500 book memorials annually). Members collected soup labels, raised billboards, built parade floats, gave flags, issued postcard packets, and located and marked gravesites. Pocahontas participated in Naturalization Ceremonies, as well as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Flag Day, and Arbor Day celebrations. The Chapter presented The Medal of Honor, Community Service medals, ROTC medals, Good Citizen and Good Citizenship medals. Contributions were made by most Chapter members. One member donated eight gallons of blood to the Blood Bank. Another received the Distinguished Service Award, another was presented the HAVE Award by the American Hospital Association for the organ donor project, and a large group kept Goodfellow Air Force Base from closing. Several wrote genealogical books, and another wrote a "Guide for Regents." One member was published in *Newsweek* magazine, and designed and painted billboards and the Chapter Flag. One couple even made objects for fundraisers.

One Daughter was named "First Philatelic Texan." Some members won first place awards in NSDAR contests for Art, Crafts, Poetry, and Program. One member set up a city museum. The Chapter had four TSDAR officers after 1990, and many members have served as State Chairmen (120 members.).



Preston Ridge Organizing Meeting December 2, 2000

Preston Ridge - Frisco

Preston Ridge Chapter was organized on December 2, 2000 at the home of the Organizing Regent, Elizabeth Wolfe. Our honored guests were State Regent Al'Louise Ramp, Mayor Seei of Frisco, State Organizing Secretary Sandra Bassett, and several State Chairmen. The 17 organizing members were Denise Armstrong, Melanie Arnold, Sandra Burns, Stephane Crow, Rita Fox, Debby Frankum, Sara Hawk, Andrea Holland, Carol Johnson, Erika Jones, Sharon Jones, Norma Kerr, Jennifer Kinsella, Cynthia Langhof, Tressa Marbach, Margaret Matthews and Elizabeth Wolfe. We were honored to be the first chapter organized in Frisco and the first chapter organized in Mrs. Ramp's administration.

The geographic location where Frisco was founded is dominated by a gently sloping ridge of high ground that extends from the Red River to present-day Dallas. Native Americans found the ridge to be a dry natural roadway. Early settlers named it Preston Ridge and it became a primary travel route into and out of Texas. This travel route became the Preston Road Cattle Trail, one branch of the main cattle trail from Texas to Missouri, developed in 1841. Preston Ridge is now known as modern-day Preston Road.

Prudence Alexander - Dallas

The Prudence Alexander Chapter was organized June 23, 1953. The Organizing Regent was Hortense Alexander Hackler (Mrs. Garfield). The first regular meeting was at the home of the Vice Regent, Leteola Gibbs Hawley, on October 21, 1953. Prudence Alexander, the wife of Daniel Alexander, was the mother of six sons, three of whom were captains in the Revolution. Her son William, ancestor of Mrs. Hackler, was memorialized by Congress for his numerous services performed during the Revolution.

Mary Rantala, Regent 1979-1981, developed the Chapter's Texas Wildflower Note Paper project. This project was made possible by Mary Tarrance, former Regent and gifted artist, who donated her wild flower paintings. The project supports scholarships and patriotic activities in schools. The women who nurtured Prudence Alexander were prominent in Dallas, remembered not only by DAR, but also by the community. The Chapter honors only two Honorary Regents, Mrs. Hortense Alexander Hackler and Mrs. Luteola Gibbs Hawley. Mrs. Hawley's daughter, Sarah Hawley Potter and granddaughter, Sarah "G. G." Gaylord Gibbs Potter are currently active members of the Chapter. Charter member, Zelva Compton Laird (Mrs. Lee) is still a member in 2000. Member Gloria Welch was State Corresponding Secretary. Catherine Adkins, Adele Needham, Shirley Smith, and Cecelia Hale Ziff also served the State Society.

The 25th Anniversary Tea was held in the home of Roberta Menger Byrd with Sara Orrick Griffin as Regent. Regents for the past 25 years include: Martha Scogin Mayo; Frances Stripling Hartley; Sarah Virginia Orrick Griffin; Mary Josephine Holm Rantala; Martha Hubbard Fisher; Sarah Lillian Blakeney Johnston; Sarah McCoy Adcock; Lois White Covall; Lucille Starnes Baker; Novella Marie Orrick; Jeanne McCutcheon Jones; Catherine Kirkland Adkins; Adele Lynes Needham; Donna J. B. Brooks; and, Shirley Collier Smith. Millennium Chapter officers included Regent Shirley Smith, Jo Guittard, Mary Voegtle, Karalyn Thames, Adele Needham, Nancy Allender, Leah Stewart, Texas Tucker, and Paula Restrepo. Prudence Alexander continues to well represent the members as the celebration of the Chapter's 50th year approaches.

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of suporting it.

Thomas Paine
The American Crisis, no. I
December 23, 1776



Continental Dollar of 1776 designed by Benjamin Franklin



Chapter wildflower notepaper



The Withers Sisters: Willie Mae Withers Hubbard and Martha Withers Buchanan

Ralph Ripley - Mineral Wells

Mrs. Frances Mullman founded the Ralph Ripley Chapter on June 18, 1921. We are very proud of those 54 years, for they have left a legacy of service and devotion for our chapter. The Regents that served the Chapter since 1975 are Mrs. G. B. Talkington, Mrs. O. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Alva Bartley, Mrs. George Marcotte, Mrs. Richard Sain, Mrs. Ralph Seibert, and Mrs. William Lampley.

The Ralph Ripley Chapter established the Shirley Marcotte DAR Scholarship presented yearly to a girl from the graduating class of Mineral Wells High School. She is selected by a faculty committee and by her peers. This scholarship honors Mrs. George Marcotte for her years of service. An annual craft auction was established in 1994, the proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

A George Washington Tea was held February 1993, and the members dressed in period costumes. In 1996, the Chapter hosted an area-wide program on the Tamassee DAR School, attended by Mrs. Dorothy Truitt, District II Chairman. We observed Constitution Week, participated in Veterans' Day celebrations, honored a new American citizen, presented American Flags to local schools, placed eight grave markers, and honored our three 90-plus members. Many outstanding programs have been given. Noteworthy programs include The Constitution and the Ten Commandments, The Number Three, The Lost Battalion, The Dangers of the Supreme Court's Recent Interpretations of the Constitution, Madonna of the Trail, The Alamo – Fact or Fiction, and The Black History of Mineral Wells. In 2002, Mrs. Dorothy Edmondson Turner will be honored as a 50-year member. We also feel fortunate in having nine members with over 25 years of service.

The Chapter has recently been honored when Mrs. Doris Gibson, State Chaplain, became an Associate Member. The Chapter began a tradition called "Thanksgiving with the Withers Sisters." The sisters, Martha Buchanan, Willie Mae Hubbard, and Mary Ann Dinwiddie, began this luncheon in order to give members time to share memories of Thanksgivings past and their present blessings. We of the present hope we have kept the past alive and give to the future our love of country.

Rebecca Boyce - Waxahachie

The Rebecca Boyce Chapter of Waxahachie, organized in 1948, has been growing in membership and activities in accordance with the guideline of the National Society. Annually we have observed the following: Constitution Week with speakers from our local judiciary; programs on the American Indians; Patriots' Tea honoring the DAR Good Citizens from Ellis County High Schools, with the State Chairman of said committee in attendance on several occasions; necrology service and dedication of markers at graveside of deceased members; presentation of awards to high school students on history essays. Each month there is a report on National Defense and on the President's message from the *DAR Magazine*. There are picnic lunches in the spring and a Christmas luncheon with a seasonal musical program. One of our members is honored each year as an Outstanding Club Woman at the City Federated Tea.

Programs have been given on Needlework, Quilting, Genealogy Records, Governor's Mansion, American Patriots, Patriotic Music, and our Flags. Mrs. Nancy Tiner, Former State Regent, spoke on the "Treaty of Paris," and Mrs. Leon Mobley has been our speaker several times.

We have enjoyed field trips to the Layland Museum in Cleburne to view Indian Artifacts; to Texas Woman's University in Denton to the TSDAR Museum to see the gowns of Texas First Ladies; to the Continental DAR House and Dallas Museum of Arts in Dallas; and to the Freeman Plantation in Jefferson.

Our Chapter has had Delegates attend the State and National Conferences and members attend the annual workshops and the Piney Woods meetings.



The Rebecca Boyce Chapter float at the Centennial Celebration of the Ellis County Courthouse July 1, 1995

It is not a field of a few acres of ground, but a cause, that we are defending, and whether we defeat the enemy in one battle, or by degrees, the consequences will be the same.

Thomas Paine
The American Crisis, no. I, December 23, 1776

Rebecca Crockett - Gainesville

The Rebecca Crockett Chapter, chartered in 1903 at Gainesville, was named for the mother of David Crockett. The Chapter's motto, based on David Crockett's famous words "Be sure you are right, then go-ahead" has preserved the Chapter all these many years.

In 1975, an antique gavel, fashioned from the Masonic Charter Oak of Brazoria, Texas, was presented as a gift to the Chapter. As the country celebrated the Bicentennial, appropriate programs were presented. Member Janie Hollandsworth was the chairman to secure a historical marker for the first oil well in Cooke County, dated 1924. "The Big Indian No. 1" marker was dedicated in 1976. The Chapter placed DAR grave markers at the graves of Cora Staniforth and Mrs. Church Hay. A four-volume Bicentennial Edition of the TSDAR Roster was presented to the Cooke County Library in observance of the Chapter's 76th Anniversary.

A United States Flag was given to the Woodbine Camp Fire Girls. Chapter member Anna Beth Perkins, dressed in period costume, portrayed Sarah Dodson, the Betsy Ross of Texas, in the saga of the Texas flag. Mrs. Perkins is a descendant of Sara Dodson. Three direct descendants of Rebecca Crockett became Chapter members: Charlene Flowers King, Lila Beth Flowers Davis, and Nancy Flowers Hellman. Five more descendants of Rebecca Crockett became Junior members: Rene Davis Turbeville, Dayna Hellman, DeAnn Hellman Morris, Darla Hellman Lile, and Tracye King Albone. Through devoted sleuthing, the lost grave of a Real Daughter was found and marked by a bronze plaque and ceremony: Maleta Stapp Kleiser died in 1902 and is buried at Era, Texas.

The Chapter celebrated its 90th Anniversary with a tea and ceremony. State Regent Barbara Harrell was the guest speaker. Mrs. Dorothy Simmons was the Chapter Regent. Regent Tracye Albone honored World War I veteran William Lance with a Texas NSDAR 100th anniversary pin on his 100th birthday.

Former Chapter Regents for 1975-2000 include: Mrs. Jack Mahan, Mrs. P. C. Wylie, Mrs. J. R. Nelson, Mrs. J. W. Truitt, Martha Ferguson, Mrs. E. D. Knight, Mrs. G. H. Jones, Mrs. A. Simmons, Ms. Tracye King-Winters, Mrs. Marilyn L. Wooldridge, Ms. Janet L. Hawkins.

Rebecca Stoddert - El Paso

Since 1975, The Rebecca Stoddert Chapter has continued its dedication to promote the patriotic spirit upon which it was founded. We hosted the Texas Armed Service Award Ceremony at Ft. Bliss each year honoring the outstanding Jr. Grade Officers. We annually awarded 24 Bronze medals to the outstanding JROTC members from the High Schools and one gold medal to the outstanding University of Texas at El Paso ROTC member. Certificates and medals were awarded to winners from the local elementary, junior high and high schools for the DAR Good Citizenship and American History Essay Contest. Our Chapter honored an "Outstanding Churchwoman of the Year" at our December luncheons. Members of our Chapter attended naturalization ceremonies and presented small American Flags to our new citizens.

Each September, we joined with the members of the El Paso Del Norte Chapter and the Col. Turner R. Sharp Chapter, SAR, for a joint meeting and luncheon to help promote combined patriotic service to El Paso and surrounding areas. Our Chaper has received numerous awards and certificates for our participation in DAR activities for Local, State and National events, and we are rightfully proud of our accomplishments.

Chapter meetings began with the DAR Ritual, Salute to the Flag, Star Spangled Banner, a reading of the President General's message and National Defense message. Our programs were varied... honoring the Korean War Veterans, Conservation, Antique Silver, the DAR schools, Columbus and other famous historical people, History of our Flag, and the volunteer services that many of our members take part in. Refreshments are served following each meeting.

The Rebecca Stoddert Chapter will celebrate its 100th Anniversary with a reception on April 14, 2002 at the Woman's Club of El Paso. Attendees will be encouraged to wear Colonial-era costumes. Texas State Regent, Al'Louis Ramp will be invited. Members of the Col. Turner R. Sharp Chapter, SAR will give the Flag Ceremony along with members of the JROTC from several schools as color guard. The 62nd Army Band from Ft. Bliss will provide musical entertainment.

From the east to the west blow the trumpet to arms!
Through the land let the sound of it flee;
Let the far and the near all united, with a cheer,
In defense of our Liberty Tree.

Thomas Paine
The Liberty Tree, July 1775



Chapter members in colonial dress



Laura Maxine Lytle Dodd

Richard Bard - Mesquite

The Richard Bard Chapter was organized on April 13, 1985, by Organizing Regent, Laura Maxine Lytle Dodd. There were 36 organizing members, of which 27 were Juniors and 30 were new DAR members. Organizing Officers were the following: First Vice Regent, Kiazan Morey; Second Vice Regent, Marian Spangler Miller; Chaplain, Sherry Darby Brown; Recording Secretary, Martha Jennings Hartley; Corresponding Secretary, Patricia Law Hatcher; Treasurer, Mary Charles Dodd Hull; Registrar, Henrietta Hewitt Bristow; Historian, Margaret Elmore Moffitt; Librarian, Billie Hunter Huffman; and, Curator, Lois Pittsenbarger Tucker. Regents, in order of service, were: Maxine Dodd, Sherry Brown, Henrietta Bristow, Mary Charles Hull, Marjorie Bibby, Kelley Poydence, Cynthia White, and Marie Crossley. In its 15th year, the Chapter had 110 members.

Richard Bard has been a very active Chapter. Members were called upon to serve the Chapter as Officers and Chairmen; serve the State Society as State Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, and, serve the National Society as Vice Chairmen. Maxine Lytle Dodd was chosen State Outstanding Regent in 1986 and the Richard Bard Chapter was chosen Texas' "Junior Choice Chapter" in 1994 and 1996. The Chapter has been recognized at the National Level with awards for outstanding Programs, Correspondent Docents, Junior Membership, Membership and Americanism. The Richard Bard Chapter has awarded the DAR Medal of Honor; the DAR History Award Medal; Conservation, Community Service and DAR Good Citizenship Awards, and Bronze JROTC medals; participated in community projects in Mesquite; supported the Helen Pouch Fund; supported all DAR Schools; used Innisbrook Wraps as our fundraiser; established a scholarship in honor of Maxine Lytle Dodd, Organizing Regent; held a Junior Bazaar at monthly meetings; established relationships with the five Mesquite high schools; participated in the DAR Good Citizens and the American History Essay Contests, has planted and dedicated trees; the Chapter has active Correspondent Docents, and has donated numerous flags to area businesses and schools. The Chapter has celebrated George Washington's Birthday by holding teas where awards were given and new members welcomed, and Chapter anniversaries were celebrated with luncheons.

Rio Grande - McAllen

Seven decades have passed since the greatly loved Grace Burrows Taylor organized the Rio Grande Chapter in McAllen on March 26, 1929. The name Rio Grande was selected because the "Big River" which forms this valley is a living symbol of the continuity and timelessness of history.

Our members have worked hard to maintain a presence in our community and portray the objects of our society. The Chapter entered the Millennium with two members who have been active for more than 40 years, Caryl Collier and Lucile Hendricks. Mrs. Hendricks is known as McAllen's "First Lady" because of her unending community involvement. The Chapter has stressed recognizing the accomplishments of McAllen's youth through DAR Good Citizen, ROTC, and Good Citizenship awards in McAllen Schools. Rio Grande Chapter welcomed new citizens at naturalization ceremonies and provided them with welcome cards and small American Flags. Our members have promoted and participated in recognition of American Holidays and Celebrations since the Chapter's inception.

The Regents who have led our members during the period from 1975 to 2000 have been as follows: Mrs. Don MacLennan, Mrs. J. V. Dahlstrom, Mrs. D. W. Hampton, Mrs. H. E. Shouse, Mrs. W. D. Elliott, Mrs. Bess W. Barrett Williams, Mrs. David Hardison, Mrs. W. G. Wheeler, Mrs. Harold West, Mrs. Raymond Long, Mrs. Michael Zink, Mrs. Morris Nelson, and Mrs. Mike Mills.

Three neighboring chapters, Colonel Henry Hill, DuBois Hite, and Sam Maverick were organized by members of the Rio Grande Chapter. We are part of the Rio Grande Valley Regent's Council and share the hosting of a Flag Day Celebration with other members of the council. We are working on building membership through interesting programs and community involvement and thus strengthening our beloved TSDAR and NSDAR.



Left to right: Mrs. Morris Nelson, Mrs. John Osteen (Guest, State Treasurer), Mrs. Michael Zink, Warren Bryant (Honoree, Eagle Scout), Mrs. William E. Stegall (Guest Speaker, State Regent) June 1996

Robert Raines - Navasota

The Robert Raines Chapter was organized in 1913, by Mrs. Ward Templeman, who named the Chaper for her ancestor, Major Robert Raines, Revolutionary patriot. Two members of Robert Raines Chapter, Kathleen Terrell and Harriet Ketchum, are descendants of Robert Raines. The Chapter has been led in the years 1975 to 2000 by the following Regents: Miss Marion E. Bonniwell (1975-1977); Mrs. Esther Wilcox (1977-1979); Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas (1979-1980); Mrs. Priscilla Menke (1980-1983); Mrs. Mary Alice Howell (1983-1986); Mrs. Emma Jacoby (1986-1989); Mrs. Kathleen Patout (1989-1993); and Mrs. Hazel Cannon (1993-2000).

Each year a girl in the Senior Class of the four Grimes County Schools has been chosen as the "Good Citizen" of her school under the sponsorship of the Robert Raines Chapter. Members of the Robert Raines Chapter have benefitted by attending exceptional programs, presented to the Chapter during these 25 years. These programs concerned the history of our Nation and of our local area. William J. Terrell presented one such program in which he discussed the life of his ancestor, Robert Raines. He traced the lineage of his family to the current generation. In 1987, Rita Clements, the First Lady of Texas, spoke to the Chapter during reassembly meetings, on occasion of the Bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution.

On November 22nd, 1975, the Robert Raines Chapter and the Grimes County Bicentennial Committee sponsored "LaSalle Day," commemorating the birthdate of Rene Robert Cavalier, Sieur de LaSalle, French nobleman and explorer. The Texas Society and the City of Navasota donated the 15-foot statue of La Salle to Navasota in 1930. On May 9th, 1996, members of the Robert Raines Chapter laid a wreath at the base of the statue of LaSalle, who was murdered on the banks of the Navasota River in March, 1687. This ceremony was attended by French Consul General Alain Couanon.



The LaSalle Monument:
Erected by the Texas Society and the
City of Navasota in 1930 and rededicated in 1975.



Robert Rankin's monument in the Texas State Cemetery

Robert Rankin - Livingston

The Robert Rankin Chapter proudly represents the Lake Livingston area. The late Mrs. Joseph T. Dabney (Ann Lucile Bryan Dabney), a direct descendant of Robert Rankin, organized the Robert Rankin Chapter in February 1968. There were 22 organizing members; two of whom are still living. Mrs. Dabney served the Chapter as the Organizing Regent and was later named Honorary Regent. Eighteen Chapter Members have served as Regent since 1968.

Robert Rankin took part in the American Revolution and 59 years later, the Texas Revolution! Rankin was born in 1753 in King George County, Virginia, the son of William and Messina Marshall Rankin. He enlisted as a private with the Virginia troops at the beginning of the Revolution in 1776 and served until the close of the war. He was in four engagements: the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Stony Point, and the siege of Charleston, South Carolina. He served as an officer under George Washington, and was with Washington at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He married Margaret Berry in 1781 and they had nine children, including six sons, three of whom served in the War of 1812. Robert Rankin came to Texas in 1832 to Vehlein's Colony. He received a land grant from Mexico, and the survey now contains the present townsite of Coldspring. Rankin died in 1837 and was buried near his home. In 1936, his body was exhumed and placed in the State Cemetery in Austin. At the time, he was the only known Revolutionary War officer to be buried in the State of Texas.

Chapter meetings provide a forum for camaraderie and a vehicle for establishing community-minded goals. The Chapter sponsors many projects throughout the year. We collected postage stamps and labels to benefit the Wounded Veteran's program and contribute to the NSDAR and TSDAR Scholarship programs. We also encourage community awareness programs for National and Civil Defense. The Robert Rankin Chapter celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 1993, and will celebrate its 35th Anniversary in 2003.

Rock Wall - Rockwall

The Rock Wall Chapter was organized on February 3, 1978, by Mrs. James H. Goodson, and was named for an underground wall of rock that is unique to the county. In 1852, early settler Terry Wade was digging a well in search of water when he discovered a wall of rock just outside the present square of Rockwall. The rock wall encompasses a large area below Rockwall County. This geological formation has a man-made appearance, but some authorities believe it is a natural rock formation.

The Chapter was organized with 31 members. By the end of the first year, membership stood at 56! The Chapter celebrates the fact that we have five organizing and seven charter members who remain active in the Chapter. Early membership came from Rockwall County and surrounding areas, including ladies from the cities of Rockwall, Royse City, Greenville and Terrell. Today membership continues, with members coming not only from Rockwall County, but also Collin, Dallas, and Kaufman Counties. Total membership count is 84.

Minnette Pelphrey Goodson (Mrs. James H.) was appointed as Organizing Regent by State Regent Mrs. Georgia Bingle Edman, 1976-1979. Mrs. Goodson worked diligently and with firm determination to assure that the Chapter would be organized and sanctioned as quickly as possible. Largely due to her hard work and conviction, the Rock Wall Chapter was officially recognized in only six months. The Chapter is indebted to its Organizing and Charter members and wishes to "Thank" each lady for her years of service and dedication to the Rock Wall Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Chapter Regents for 1975-2000 have been the following: Mrs. James H. Goodson; Mrs. Frank A. Bell; Mrs. Ernest L. Hudson; Mrs. Clarence R. Gentry; Mrs. Clifford Cornelius; Mrs. Hugh N. Brown; Mrs. E. Neil Duckworth; Mrs. Norman B. Baker; Mrs. C. Walter Traylor; Mrs. Jean Price Webb; Mrs. C. Rodger Byrd; Mrs. William H. Strickland; Mrs. Gary D. Goss; Mrs. E. Neil Duckworth; and Mrs. James M. Head.



A portion of the rock wall, excavated in around 1999, for which the Chapter was named



REVERSE OF A MASSACHUSETTS TREASURY NOTE

Reverse of a Masschusetts Treasury Note

Sabinal Canyon - Utopia

The Sabinal Canyon Chapter was organized October 7, 1982, in the Utopia High School Library. The Sabinal River runs through the Sabinal Canyon where on August 17, 1852, Captain William Ware made the first permanent Anglo settlement between D'Hanis and the Rio Grande.

Mrs. Leonard Hicks was the Organizing Regent. Mrs. John K. Harrell, the State Organizing Secretary, installed the following Organizing Officers: Regent, Mrs. Leonard Hicks; Vice Regent, Mrs. L. L. Tubbs; Recording & Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Snider; Treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Matthews; Registrar, Miss Bonnie Jean Thornberry; Historian, Mrs. Charles Bishop; Librarian, Edna Ruth Stewart; Chaplain, Mrs. Glen O'Bryant. The Chapter was organized with 21 members.

Regents for 1982-2000 have included the following: Mrs. Leonard Hicks (1982-1984), Mrs. Lowell Tubbs (1984-1986); Mrs. Leonard Hicks (1986-1988); Mrs. Aubrey Smith (1988-1990); Mrs. Glen O'Bryant (1990-1992); Mrs. Joe Snider (1992-1994); Mrs. Jack Farmer (1994-1996); Mrs. Leonard Hicks (1996-1999); Mrs. Lowell Tubbs (1999-2000); Mrs. Ron Hood (2000-2004).

Spanish explorers made several excursions into the Sabinal Canyon area to take careful inventory of tribes, to note the flora and fauna of the area, and to name the rivers, mountains, and streams. They called the Sabinal River Arroyo de la Soledad.

from the Handbook of Texas



Sam Houston
Image courtesy Sam Houston Memorial Museum

Sam Houston - Houston

Sam Houston Chapter (SHC) was installed as a Bicentennial Chapter June 11, 1976. Mrs. Jerry Terrell was Organizing Regent. Thirty-five area women became Organizing Members. The original yearbook states, "With pride and dignity, we have chosen a name for our chapter that means much to every member. We not only live in the shadow of the great monument erected in General Houston's and his men's honor, but most of us live on land that was the battlefield in which the decisive battle for our independence from Mexico was won."

During the 1976-1979 period, the National Constitution Week and Luncheon was held, DAR Good Citizen Awards were given, American History Essay Contest Winners sponsored, fund raising drives took place, a local Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution was sponsored, George Washington Tea held, Junior ROTC Flag Ceremonies held, and Gifts for Veterans Hospital were implemented. By 1982, there were 58 members from 14 area communities. The Chapter donated copies of the TSDAR History to local libraries and donated to the preservation of the League City Live Oak Trees. A tree was planted at Bay Area Museum in honor of George Washington's 250th birthday. SHC had doubled in size to 88 members in 1987. A Chapter newsletter was started for communication. Also, SHC started meeting in community halls as the membership had grown to over 90. Our Constitution Essay winner, Etien Frett, won State and South Central Division contests. The Sam Houston Scholarship Award was presented.

The Chapter address was changed from League City to Houston. Then, SHC joined the Houston Area Regents Council. During the following years, SHC was active in Local, State and National DAR Objectives. In 1998, a SHC brick in the Ring of Honor at the Sam Houston Statue was dedicated. A High Tea was held honoring 25- and 40-year members. In 2000 SHC consists of 110 members. Through fund raising efforts, members diligently worked to achieve the objectives of the SHC, Historical Preservation, Promotion of Education and Patriotic Endeavor.

Sam Maverick - Alamo

The Sam Maverick Chapter was organized on February 5, 1982, by Organizing Regent, Gennie (Mrs. John E.) Shouse of Alamo. The organizing meeting was held at the McAllen Country Club in McAllen with 25 members present.

Sam Maverick members are active in several DAR committees. Each year the Good Citizen contest is held, involving 13 high schools. In 1995, a scholarship fund was established in memory of Mary Freeman, an organizing member. Scholarships are given to the top three students in the Good Citizen contest. In 1999, a style show and luncheon was held to raise monies for the scholarship fund, and has become an annual event. ROTC units in the Rio Grande Valley have been a vital part of our Chapter. Each year one of our 13 sponsored schools gives the National Defense program. Medals are given to an outstanding ROTC Cadet in each of the high schools. Members save Campbell soup labels, Betty Cocker points, box tops for education, and stamps for veterans. There are four DAR Museum Corresponding Docents, and several members who wear the VIS pin. The Chapter helped organize the Rio Grande Valley Regents Council. Each year the five chapters join for a Flag Day Luncheon in a rotating hostess order. Sam Maverick has hosted on numerous occasions.

Chapter members have been active at the State and National level. Organizing Regent Gennie Shouse served as Genealogical Records State Chairman, 1983-1985. Mrs. Shouse was among the first to verify supplemental papers at National Headquarters. Charter member Blanche Sands served as Credentials Co-Chairman, 1992-1994. Charter member Elane Osteen served the Texas Society as State Chairman of the following committees: Junior Bazaar, Outstanding Junior Member, National Defense, DAR Museum, and Literacy Challenge; and also on the State Executive Board as Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. She has served as National Vice Chairman of Conservation, American History Committee in charge of the American History Essay Contest, and National Defense Southcentral Division. Mrs. Osteen also served on the Memorial Service Committee, Platform Committee and as Vice Chairman of the Platform Committee for Continental Congress. Valerie Haelsy-Parsons has served as State Vice Chairman of Juniors.



Sam Maverick by Carl von Iwonski.
Courtesy of the Witte Museum, San Antonio, Texas

Samuel Paul Dinkins - Kilgore



Samuel Paul Dinkins was organized April 21, 1953, by Mrs. Joe S. Gentry. During 1975-2000, the Chapter sadly experienced the loss of 29 members who were deceased. Constitution Week observance annually gets the Chapter off to a good start. Well-received programs at Chapter meetings have included reports on the DAR schools and from members attending Continental Congress, genealogy topics, book reviews, and patriotic topics. In 1990, a presentation was heard on the Ellis Island Restoration Project. The Army War College was Col. Claud Wallace's subject. A Community Service award was given in 1996, to Bob Barbee and again in 1997 to Carol Hinton. Chapter member Mrs. Jack Elder was named Outstanding Citizen of Kilgore in 1989. Chapter donations were made to the Kilgore Public Library for a new flag for the Fireplace Room; a tree was planted to observe the DAR Centennial; a 48-star American Flag was presented to Joe White, Director of the Kilgore Oil Museum; a contribution to the Kilgore Historical Preservation Foundation was made for renovation of the Crim Theater; a donation to the Ellis Island Restoration Project was made, as well as donations for Arbor Day plantings and contributions for veterans' projects.

The Chapter made a donation annually in May to the popular Shakespeare Festival, held on the Kilgore College campus, for a reception for the actors and technical crew who live in Kilgore during rehearsals and performances. Each year the Chapter presents DAR Good Citizens Awards, and has begun to give a graduating senior a $300 scholarship toward college. Gregg County DAR chapters meet jointly in May. We often have been honored to have State Officers as our guests. Chapter members have attended Division 3 workshops, Fall Forum, and Continental Congress.

Two DAR logos were placed on billboards located at the Highway 259 North and South entrances to Kilgore, advertising civic organizations, and were a gift to the Chapter by Dorothy Cannon of Longview.

Samuel Paul Dinkins Chapter appreciates its members who have supported the chapter through the years with their attendance and participation.

Yesterday, the greatest question was decided which ever was debated in America, and a greater perhaps never was nor will be decided among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

John Adams, Letter to Abigail Adams, July 3, 1776

Samuel Sorrell - Houston

The Samuel Sorrell Chapter was organized April 15, 1926, by Mrs. James J. Quinn and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds. The Chapter was named in honor of Mrs. Quinn's Revolutionary ancestor, whose family came to Virginia in 1635. A soldier and patriot of North Carolina, Samuel was a descendent of Robert Sorrell, a captain in His Majesty's service.

The Chapter had 54 charter members and now stands at 224. There are six 50-year members and 12 members over 90 years of age. The Chapter has always worked toward the DAR objectives and cooperated at local, State, and National levels. Members participate in church, civic, conservation, cultural and philanthropic activities, as well as DAR projects representing the Society's three basic concepts. Chapter members attend Naturalization Ceremonies and present flags, handouts, and refreshments to the new citizens. In more recent years, the Chapter focus has been on assisting servicemen and women and veterans, particularly with the Houston Veterans Hospital. Hundreds of books, playing cards, lap robes, socks, t-shirts, and items of personal use have been donated, as well as cash for canteen use. Christmas dinners for homeless veterans and their families have been provided, along with gift bags in cooperation with other Houston Area Regents Council members. Flag Day and Constitution Day Luncheons are observed and well attended. The Presiding Chapter Regent serves on the committee for luncheons and one past Regent has served as Chairman of the Houston Area Regent's Council. Members collect Campbell's Soup Labels for donation to DAR schools and Indian Schools. Focus has been strong on service to Indian schools; one member actively works with Cherokee Indians regarding social, educational and cultural issues. An Indian Moment is observed at each meeting. Historical field trips are taken regularly, including identifying and cleaning Kings Highway Markers.

The Chapter appreciates the service of the following women in the office of Regent since 1975: Mesdames R.D. Gillespie, Eron Pauline Mynatt Brouse, Leroy L. Anderson, Clyde E. Crow, Jr., Leroy W. Ledgerwood, Jr., Joseph M. Clark, Jr., C. Raymond Ulmer, Alton V. Orr, Robert Stettler, Jr., Milton L. Jackson, Charles W. Hebert, and Thomas L. Delpesce.



Mrs. Renee Johnson Jackson, Regent 1997-1999, with Mrs. Virginia Stegall, State Chairman and Vice-President General. At Marker #50, Burleson County—"Cook's Point," State Hwy 21 near the FM 1362 intersection.



Former Chapter Regents (l-r): Ruby Jones, Lorraine Kircher, Connie Impelman, Ina Morris, Lyde Jones, Virginia Stegall, Dorothy Welch, and Corinne Staacke

San Antonio de Bexar - San Antonio

The San Antonio de Bexar Chapter was originally organized on July 4, 1891, at the Menger Hotel. Mrs. Henry French served as appointed Chapter Regent. That organization did not survive, but after a number of years and a change in lineal requirements, the Chapter was reorganized by Miss Eleanor Brackenridge on December 11, 1902. The name of the Chapter was selected on February 3, 1902, and the charter was issued on November 22, 1902. San Antonio de Bexar Chapter will celebrate its Centennial on December 7, 2002.

San Antonio de Bexar Chapter is the oldest and largest chapter in San Antonio. The membership has grown from 75 members in 1912 to its highest membership of 435 in 1994. Mrs. Quincy W. Bynum (Paulina Crowell) served as State Registrar in 1976-1979. She died January 1, 1982.

The Chapter is proud to have current member, Barbara Tucker Harrell, Honorary State Regent for Life. Mrs. Harrell served the National Society as Registrar General 1998-2001. She served as Vice President General in 1994-1997. Mrs. Harrell served the State Society as Regent in 1991-1994, State Vice Regent in 1988-1991, State Recording Secretary in 1985-1988, and State Organizing Secretary in 1982-1985. Virginia Stegall, Honorary State Regent for Life, served as Vice President General in 1997-2000. She served as State Regent in 1994-1997 and State Vice Regent 1991-1994. Mrs Stegall served as State Treasurer in 1985-1988. Ina B. Morris served the Texas Society as State Corresponding Secretary beginning in 2000.

Since 1941, the Chapter has awarded an annual scholarship to local high school students to aid in furthering their education. In 1907, the Chapter's first yearbook was printed. Since 1911, an "In Memoriam" page has been added to the yearbook to honor all deceased members of the chapter.

Under the auspices of the San Antonio de Bexar Chapter, a society of the Children of the American Revolution flourishes.

The Chapter is proud to be a part of the San Antonio Area Regents Council which was organized in 1985 with several other area chapters that work together to promote DAR in the community.

San Felipe de Austin - Sealy

This Sealy, Austin County, Texas, Chapter was originally formed October 13, 1972, under the name Atascocita Chapter. The Regent and organizer was Jane Hicks Brune, and there were 19 members. The Chapter remained in existence for several years but because it limited its membership to Sealy residents, the Chapter dissolved. The Austin County Chapter as we know it today was formed again on April 7, 1988, by Martha (Mrs. John K.) Jacobs under the name San Felipe de Austin. This new chapter encouraged new members from other towns and counties. Many of the members at organization were former members of the dissolved chapter. In addition to Martha Jacobs, other Regents have been Mary Lee Hall, Eleanor (Mrs. Truman) Maddox, Myrle (Mrs. Orville) Benton, Ruby (Mrs. Dempsey) Muery, and Virginia Lyerly.

Community activities have been encouraged. The Chapter planted a tree and erected a granite monument in the Stephen F. Austin Park in San Felipe. For many years it participated in the Good Citizen Award and gave away in excess of $1,000 to students toward their college education. Many successful programs, field trips, and workshops have been held. Meetings are held every other month on the third Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Gordon Memorial Library in Sealy. Membership continues to grow, and the future of the San Felipe de Austin Chapter is looking bright.



Stephen F. Austin monument at Stephen F. Austin Historic Park, San Felipe

San Jacinto -Tomball

San Jacinto Chapter was organized December 8, 1972, by Mrs. Billie Joe Lovett. The name has been a favored one throughout Texas history, in particular as the site of the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. Beginning with 25 members in 1972, the San Jacinto Chapter has grown to 109 members. It has been led by the following regents: Mesdames Billie Joe Lovett; Randolph Hardee, Sr.; Milford Glick; George Ausec; Boyd King; John Ivancevich; Chester Strack; John Ochsner; Dennis Duckett; Peter Pritchard; Barry Jones; Curtis Richmond; Jan Larson; and Russell Long.

In its early years, the Chapter sponsored JAC clubs in three school districts. At the 1974 TSDAR State Conference, Chapter chairman Mrs. Poley Parker received the Thatcher Award for her outstanding work. Mrs. John Ivancevich was later recognized for having 4,000 elementary school students in JAC Clubs. DAR Good Citizens from seven high schools are honored at the February Chapter meeting. Through the National Defense Committee, Good Citizenship medals are presented in 27 junior high schools. ROTC medals are given in two high schools. In 1982, the TSDAR Outstanding American History Teacher, Dr. Diane Walzel, was sponsored by the Chapter. The 1988 TSDAR Outstanding Junior, Mrs. John Ivancevich, is a chapter member. Members donate books, magazines, socks, and blankets to the Houston Veterans Hospital. The Atascocita Trail Society, C.A.R. is sponsored by the Chapter. U. S. Flags are presented to schools and flag certificates given to businesses that fly the flag. Veterans' events and naturalization ceremonies are attended. The Chapter conducts a genealogy workshop each year at the Chaparral Genealogy Library in Tomball. Teas and dinners have celebrated Chapter anniversaries. A Thanksgiving dinner is held at the historic Rose Hill Methodist Church.

Chapter members have served and are serving in positions in the Texas Society and the National Society. Several are chairmen or vice chairmen. Mrs. John Ivancevich served as TSDAR Organizing Secretary 1995-1997. Mrs. Billie Joe Lovett served as TSDAR Librarian 1979-1982 and Recording Secretary 1982-1985. She was Texas State Regent 1985-1988; Vice President General, NSDAR 1989-1992; and Librarian General 1994-1997.



Past San Jacinto Chapter Regents. Standing L to R: Karen Duckett, Florence King, Rosemary Long, Pegi Ivancevich. Seated L to R: Becky Stone, Margie Lovett, Connie Ausec



RELIEVING GEN. CHARLES LEE

Sarah Maples - Mabank

Ladies of the Cedar Creek Lake Reservoir area, from small towns and additions, had their first meeting on June 2, 1984, at the First Presbyterian Church, Mabank, Texas, with some TSDAR state officers in attendance. The second meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Willie Lee Gray, its goal to work with membership applications. At the next meeting, August 18, 1984, the announcement of proposed officers and the submission of a chapter name were given. On October 9, 1984 the organizational meeting was held with Mrs. Lynn B. Harding, TSDAR State Vice Regent in attendance. The meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce beginning at 2 p.m. At that time, Mrs. Harding announced the chosen name for the Mabank chapter. The Organizing Regent was Eula Robinson. TheChapter name, Sarah Maples, was chosen to honor the patriot ancestor of seven organizing members. The Chapter organized with 24 members, seven of which are still members of Sarah Maples.

Sarah Maples rendered aid to the Army of the American Revolution in North Carolina by feeding the troops (Vol. V., page 56, Folio 1, Archive and History #1930: Amt. 2 pounds and 12 shillings). She was born in Richmond County, Virginia, in 1746, the daughter of Avery Dye, Jr. She married Thomas Maples (also a patriot) before 1772 when she and her husband signed a deed. Sarah Dye Maples died in 1790.

Past Regents of Sarah Maples include: Eula Robinson (1984-1986), Willie Lee Gray (1986-1988), Margaret Hill (1988-1989), Mary Jeter (1989-1990), Paula Davis (1990-1992), Margaret Hill (1992-1995), Carol Dwinnell (1995-1997), and Suzanne Fife (1997-2001).

The Sarah Maples Chapter has become more active over the years, concentrating on the community, with awards to citizens, teachers, and school children. A Chapter scholarship has been established benefiting a high school senior. An annual George Washington Tea open to the community is now in effect. From our organization in 1984 until 2000, our Chapter membership has grown to 55. The Sarah Maples Chapter is continually keeping our patriotic endeavors at work with the motto of God, Home and Country.

Silas Morton - Graham

The Silas Morton Chapter was organized in Breckenridge on April 14, 1928, by Mrs. George T. Spears (Maude Dawson) who served as organizing Regent and named the Chapter for one of her ancestors. Silas Morton was a special aide to General Washington and was with the army at Valley Forge and Yorktown. In 1933, Mrs. Spears re-established the Chapter in Graham, including new Graham members. Mrs. Spears won both State and National honors, and was active in DAR work most of her life.

Since 1975, Chapter activities have been directed by the following Regents: Betty Ross Hanna, 1975-1977; Inez Bishop McFarlane, 1977-1979; Chloe Stalcup King, 1979-1981; Dorothy Hudson Gruby, 1981-1983; Lillian Harris Hofmann, 1983-1987; Doris Corbin Gibson, 1987-1991; Sharon Ellison Allen, 1991-1993; Dixie Creager Ward, 1993-1995; Lillian Harris Hofmann, 1995-1996; Sharon Ellison Allen, 1996-1997; and Lynn S. Kinkel, 1997-2000.

The Chapter is proud of the members who have served on the State level: Doris Corbin Gibson, State Librarian, 1994-1997; State Recording Secretary, 2000-2003; was appointed State Conservation Chairman, 1992-1994 and Division II Chairman, 1998-2000. Sharon Ellison Allen, appointed State Community Events Chairman, 1994-1997; Division II Chairman, 2000-2003; and Courtney Ellison Taylor, a Junior member who paged at both State Conference and at Continental Congress, carrying the Texas Flag.

Our 50+ members are: Clara Spears Luker (Charter member), Janis Luker Clifton, Dorothy Hudson Gruby, Marjorie Hudson Harris, Ouida Hubbert Williamson, and Grace Saunders Vick.

Constitution Week is observed each year by having a flag raising ceremony at the Graham High School flag pole, with the entire student body participating. This ceremony was established by DAR member Eugenia Donalson Howell in 1937 and has been a special event every year. In 1979, Ouida Hubbert Williamson was presented a Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Genealogical Records. She served as Chapter Registrar for 25 years, helping more ladies than she could count with their applications to become members. She was a great genealogist. Each year the chapter honors outstanding American History and Homemaking students, a DAR Good Citizen, American History Essay Contest Winners, and supports all of the DAR schools and projects.



The "Adopt-a-Spot" proposed by Silas Morton member Susan Hinson for the "Keep Graham Beautiful" campaign in 1994



Jan Cowley with U.S. Flag and Billie Beth Moore with Chapter Flag

Six Flags - Fort Worth

Six Flags Chapter was organized February 14, 1919, by Mrs. Warren V. Galbreath. The name Six Flags was chosen because it evoked four centuries of Texas history. Regents have been: 1974-1976, Ruby (Jackson) Schmidt (Mrs. William Albert); 1976-1978, Laura Margaret (Cann) Dillard (Mrs. Robert Allen); 1978-1980, Elizabeth (Gunn) Schober (Mrs. Robert Hibbard); 1980-1982, Bettye Evelyn (George) Burgess (Mrs. John Alexander); 1982-1984, Dorothy Evelyn (Sewell) Peters (Mrs. Chester O.); 1984-1986, Jettie (Schmidt) Thomas (Mrs. Robert Stanley); 1986-1988, the late Eron (Baker) Easley (Mrs. Edwin D.); 1988-1990, Mildred "Midgie" (Smith) Searcy (Mrs. Thurman Clyde). In 1990-1992, Mrs. Melba Marie (Howell) Randolph; 1992-1994, Margaret Louise (Eakes) Ponder (Mrs. W. E.); 1994-1996, Mrs. Edith (Johnson) Langston;1996-1998, Romona Lee (Shelton) Glenn (Mrs. David Reeve); 1998-2000, Helen (Helms) Welborn (Mrs. Hiram W.); and 2000-2004 (two terms), C. Jan (Brown) Cowley (Mrs. Don Roy).

The Medal of Honor was presented to the late General Robert Preston Taylor by Regent Randolph, and the Americanism Medal was presented to the late Kurt Swanda (a Naturalized Citizen) by Regent Welborn. The Chapter has three scholarships each year: two Nursing (Texas Christian University and Tarrant County Community College) and one History (Texas Wesleyan University). Members participated in NSDAR Day of Prayer; Naturalization Services; carried the Chapter wreath at services on Memorial Day in May and Veterans' Day in November; carried the United States and Chapter Flags at the Massing of the Colors Ceremonies in November. Every third year conducted the June 14th Flag Day Service, hosted the Constitution Day Luncheon in September, the Good Citizens' Tea in December, and made contributions to Veterans. Members attended grave markings of their ancestors, Fall Forum in September, and State Conference in March. It was an inspiration for those who participated in the various Tarrant County Independent School Districts where ROTC cadets received their DAR medals. Programs/short talks by DAR and C.A.R. members have covered Educational, Historical, Patriotic, American Heritage, Historic Preservation, National Defense, and Conservation. Six Flags Chapter members continue to work hard to preserve our Ritual and wonderful heritage.

Smith-McMillan - LaGrange

Smith-McMillan is proud to have been organized as a Bicentennial Chapter in 1976. Organizing Regent Sarah Peel Mabry and 21 prospective members chose to name the Chapter after Guy Smith and James McMillan, two organizing members' Revolutionary ancestors. State Regent Georgia B. Edman presided as installing officer for the Chapter's organizational meeting at St. James Episcopal Church Parish Hall in La Grange.

The Chapter immediately launched DAR's spirit of and support for volunteerism, education, patriotism, preservation, and conservation in La Grange and surrounding Fayette County by sponsoring the first homes tour in La Grange, opening historic homes, churches and minds. It continued to sponsor the Homes Tour until Seton Hospital Auxiliary initiated a similar fundraiser. The Chapter's annual fundraiser honored its 1976 pledge to Fayette Heritage Library/Museum building fund. In the true revolutionary spirit, Smith-McMillan members were few but focused. A joint effort by the Chapter and local high schools since 1976 has honored recipients of the DAR Good Citizen Award through recognition and presentation of U.S. Savings Bonds.

Kim Joost, La Grange ISD Grades K-8 Librarian, has chaired the Chapter's American History Committee since 1984. Her dedicated efforts resulted in school-wide student-teacher participation and resulting in a State Conference First Place essay winner and a South Central Division Second Place essay winner. The Chapter intensified support of American heritage by awarding and endowing the Smith-McMillan DAR scholarship to be awarded to a graduating La Grange High School senior committed to post-secondary studies in American History. Chapter fundraisers continue to increase the annual scholarship award value. Efforts to support education remain constant. Combining history, education and conservation in one project, Smith-McMillan funded planting of trees on the grounds of Fayette Heritage Museum/Library and the pruning of stately live oaks on the La Grange Middle School campus.

New leaders have continued to emerge. In 1990, junior members served as pages at State Conference. Gina Pardo Minzenmeyer led Smith-McMillan to a higher level of accomplishment when she was recognized as South Central Division Outstanding Junior in 1994. Not remiss in historical duties, the Chapter has honored six deceased members with grave marking ceremonies.



Sarah Peel Mabry, Organizing Regent



Organizing Regent, Mrs. Stephen W. Pierce

Spring Creek - The Woodlands

As members of Stephen F. Austin's Colony, the "Old Three Hundred," settled Texas, many of the colonists received land titles to leagues straddling Spring Creek, the present boundary between Harris and Montgomery Counties. Our members reside in North Harris and South Montgomery Counties—on both sides of the creek, like the early settlers. Hence, the Chapter's name. At a Christmas luncheon at the Woodlands Inn and Conference Center, December 7, 1983, the Chapter received its charter. The Organizing Regent was Mrs. Stephen W. Pierce, and the 27 charter members were joined by State Regent Mrs. Wayne Tiner and other guests.

Chapter members have over the years been active in the community with emphasis on the youth. We are proud of numerous National and State Winners in the Junior American Citizens and American History Essay contests. ROTC medals and Good Citizens awards have also been handed out. The Bernardo de Galvez C.A.R. chapter was formed. A beautiful quilt, made by members, was raffled off, with the proceeds going to establish a scholarship fund for a student at Sam Houston State University. The Chapter has made a significant contribution in the field of genealogy by creating a genealogy room in the Old Town Spring Museum, conducting genealogy workshops, submitting records, and placing books in local, state, and national libraries.

The Chapter's annual George Washington Tea honored our teachers, National officers, and the DAR Centennial. A kindergarten teacher won a National JAC award three years in a row. Receptions were held honoring World War II Veterans and new American citizens. Mrs. John Eklof became an American Citizen while serving as our Regent. Several persons were given Community Service awards, and Parliamentary workshops were held. Juniors have graciously served as pages at State and National Conferences.

Our Organizing Regent, Mrs. Stephen W. Pierce, has served the State Society as Treasurer 1988-1991 and Chaplain 1992-1995. She was instrumental in forming the Dogwood Regents Council. Other Regents were Mrs. Archie Roseboom, Mrs. Raymond Mack, Sr, Mrs. Willard Mallott, Mrs. Willard Good, Mrs. John Eklof, Mrs. James Medlin, Mrs. Glen Womack, and Mrs. Robert Costelloe.

Star of Destiny - Katy

Mrs. Joanne Zumbrun organized the Star of Destiny Chapter on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, 1993. The 15 Organizing Members were Kathy Armstrong, Amanda Beltran, Billie Clark, Joyce Cole, Sue Gilbert, Rebecca Krepper, Mary Moorer, Doris Scheidematel, Myrtle Smith, Barbara Stepp, Susan Stepp, Wanda Stepp, Kathryn Terry, Stephanie Washington, and Joanne Zumbrun. In selecting the name, Star of Destiny, we honor the star emblem of our great state, Texas. The "Star of Destiny" is referenced in the third stanza of our state song "Texas, Our Texas."

"Texas, dear Texas! From tyrant grip now free,
Shine forth in splendor Your Star of Destiny!"

State Regent Barbara Harrell was instrumental in promoting the organization of our Chapter and is fondly remembered as its godmother. The organizational meeting and reception was held at the home of Mary Moorer. Attending were State Organizing Secretary Ella Sheffield who provided guidance during the organizing process and Margie Lovett who performed the installation of Officers.

We received 16 awards at State Conference, 3rd place at National level for our historical poster and were a gold Honor Roll Chapter our first year. In 1995, the Star and Stripes C.A.R. was organized with Stephanie Washington as the Senior Organizing President. It was a great year for us, as we earned 30 awards at State Conference with an award for most new Juniors and the coveted Junior Choice Award. In 1997, Joanne Zumbrun was recognized for serving as Chairman of the T.S.C.A.R. State Conference.

We continue to support area schools, libraries and women's crisis centers. We send items to veterans, have marked a Revolutionary Soldier's grave, sent labels to schools, presented flags, planted trees, provided nursing scholarships, and awarded savings bonds to school program winners. Regents for 1975-2000 were Joanne Zumbrun (1993-1996), Joyce Cole (1996-1998), Amanda Beltran (1998-2000), and Myrtle Smith (2000-2002). We have seen transition as our leadership changes, but the love of God, county, home and one another are the true constants of this Chapter.



Left to right: Rebecca Miller (Corresponding Secretary), Myrtle Smith (Registrar), Joanne Zumbrun (Treasurer), Madolyn Barnes (Recording Secretary), Marilynn Robertson (Chaplain), Stephanie Washington (Vice Regent). Seated: Bonnie Peplaski (Regent)



Susanna Dickinson as a young woman
Photo courtesy of the Republic of Texas Museum

Susanna Dickinson - Sayers

Susanna Dickinson Chapter was organized on February 2, 1990. Rita Garner Kotzur (Mrs. Roy E.) was Organizing Regent with 27 members. Membership increased to 35 by the close of the Chapter year. Our current membership is 42; we have about 15 active members who attend meetings regularly. Others are homebound or live out of town or out of state. The Chapter was named for Susanna Wilkinson Dickinson, one of the survivors of the siege of the Alamo. Her bravery and strength prevailed as she carried the message of the tragedy of the Alamo to General Sam Houston in Gonzales. The heroic defense of the Alamo prompted the battle cry, "Remember the Alamo."

Our Chapter promotes education with patriotic projects, programs, and service to the community, as well as aid to the NSDAR approved schools. It is represented at State Conference, Forums, Workshops, and Continental Congress. We are a member of the San Antonio Area Regents' Council, and we actively participate in patriotic luncheons commemorating Constitution Week, Washington's Birthday, and Flag Day. At the Naturalization Ceremonies conducted by the U. S. District Court Western District of Texas San Antonio, Chapter members hand out mini U.S. Flag lapel pins and the brochure "Know Your Rights."

We are proud to honor all our troops, at home and abroad. Patriotic holidays are observed by promoting "Fly Your Flag" and placing U.S. Flags on Veterans' graves in our local cemeteries. One of our members, who teaches at one of the Middle Schools in the East Central ISD, wrote an original skit for our chapter on the Constitutional Convention and the Bill of Rights and presented it at the school assembly and to our Chapter. Our Chapter has honored a member for her 20+ years of volunteer work with the East Central ISD Schools Museum and her installation on the Wall of Honor in the East Central ISD. Our Chapter enjoys promoting Patriotism and takes pride in all the work of our Society.

Teha Lanna - Stephenville

Teha Lanna Chapter was organized November 17, 1960, by Mrs. B. B. McCollum, Sr. A group of members-at-large met at a luncheon in the Robin Room of Tarleton State College on November 17, 1960, in order to organize this new DAR chapter. The Chapter chose the Indian name *Teha Lanna*, meaning "Beautiful Country." Present were Mrs. John E. Hall, State vice Regent; Mrs. William E. Huster, State Recording Secretary; Mrs. A. O. Allen, State Organizing Chairman; and Mrs. T. M. Prettyman, State Chairman of Good Citizens. The Chapter was officially affirmed by DAR on December 7th.

Teha Lanna has sponsored Good Citizens programs in area schools and presented ROTC medals to an outstanding cadet at Tarleton State College. It has supported the genealogy collection at the Stephenville Public Library and the Stephenville Museum. It has observed American History Month and Constitution Week.

Regents for 1975-2000 have included Mrs. C. A. Bradley (Mary), 1973-1976; Mrs. Albert Smith (Louise), 1976-1979; Miss May Allmon, 1979-1982; Mrs. E. C. Purvis (Launa), 1982-1985; Mrs. Harry Bradberry (Janyce), 1985-1986; Mrs. R. T. Lietz (Charlene), 1986-1987; Mrs. R. S. Moser (Charlene), 1987-1989 and 1989-1990; Mrs. George Sparkman (Lorena), 1990-1991; Mrs. James Blakley (Mary Jane), 1991-1993 and 1993-1994; Mrs. L. M. Hammonds (Melinda), 1994-1996; Mrs. James Cowan (Merry), 1996-1998; Mrs. W. D. Dunn, Jr. (Rachel), 1998-2000; and Mrs. James Blakley (Mary Jane), 2000-2001.



"Oh, beautiful, beautiful Texas—
Where the beautiful bluebonnets grow.
We're proud of our forefathers
Who fought at the Alamo.
You can live on the plains or the mountain
Or down where the seabreezes blow,
And you're still in beautiful Texas,
The most beautiful place that I know.

W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel

Tejas - Houston

Tejas Chapter members reflect with pride over the many accomplishments of the Chapter during its history. Organized in 1952, and named with the Indian word for "friends," Tejas has grown to over 100 members and continues to meet on Saturday mornings, appealing to women with various obligations and commitments. Regents 1975-2000 were Gloria J. Hoyt, Marceil N. Straley, Cathy Pape, Lynn F. Young, Linda Husfeld, Peggy Zak, Kay Kilpatrick, Mary E. Johnson, Phyllis B. Owens, Lynnette Gulley and Elaine Kunnecke.

Chapter participation and leadership on the State and National level has increased dramatically. Tejas proudly includes several State Outstanding Juniors, State Chairmen, a State Officer, and National Vice Chairmen. Tejas Chapter faithfully sponsors James Bates Society, C.A.R., whose members are active on the local, State, and National levels. Tejas members have served as State and National C.A.R. Officers, Senior State Chairmen and President, as well as Senior National Chairmen.

Recognized on the state and national level for our outstanding support of Junior Members, Tejas won first place in NSDAR for support of the Helen Pouch Fund. Active in our community, a fund was established to purchase flags for Scout troops and schools. In addition, Tejas donated a massive American Flag to the Immigration and Naturalization Service Building in Houston. Members have welcomed new citizens at the Naturalization ceremonies and planted trees in city parks as well as in the Houston Veterans Cemetery. A member serves as Deputy VAVS representative, and Tejas supports veterans with Christmas gifts.

Our commitment to education includes faithfully awarding ROTC medals and monetary gifts to high school students. Our DAR Good Citizen students have won State awards and our Junior American Citizen clubs have won awards at State and National levels. A scholarship fund was established to assist students with their education. Tejas hosts genealogical workshops at the local Clayton Library. Tejas is indeed a friend — to one another, the youth and the community. The women who serve as Tejas members are the reason Tejas makes a difference in Houston, Texas.



Tejas Regents (back row, l-r): Linda Husfeld (1986-1988), Lynn Young (1980-1982), Elaine Kunnecke (1998-2000), Sally Patterson (2000-2002), Phyllis Owens (1992-1994); Tejas Members (front row, l-r): Mary Louise Gulley, Allison McHenry, Nancy Pickett and Marti Thorne



Replica of Liberty Bell in City Square

Texas Bluebonnet - Grand Prairie

The Chapter was organized December 6, 1968, by Mrs. Frank Bodkin. Members of the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society were the impetus, and the Chapter was named for the State flower.

Mrs. William C. Morgan was Regent 1975-1977. Past Regents, Mrs. Sherwood V. Roark and Mrs. Lloyd W. Smith, placed a replica of the Liberty Bell with a Memorial plaque on the City Square in 1975. At the Bicentennial Celebration on July 4, 1976, a 25-year time capsule was placed at the base of the Bell. Mrs. Roy L. Roberts was Regent 1977-1979. In 1978, Mrs. William W. Blue was awarded State Outstanding American History Teacher. Mrs. Arthur H. Waddell was Regent 1979-1981, and the Chapter helped with contributions on the Historical Goodwin Log Cabin. The 1981-1983 term of Mrs. William W. Blue saw the publication of the cookbook *Prairie Heritage*. Regent Mrs. Morley C. Tobey, 1983-1984, also saw the publication of *Prairie Heritage* and the donation of books to Lee Middle School.

When Mrs. William W. Bink was Regent, 1984-1985, the Chapter welcomed State Regent Nancy R. Tiner to its 16th Anniversary Luncheon. During Mrs. Lyndel Q. Ranklin's years, 1985-1987, the City asked the Chapter to ring the Liberty Bell for the 1986 Sesquicentennial Day. When Mrs. Joseph A. Bagley was Regent, 1987-1989, the Chapter hosted the 1989 Regent's Council. When Mrs. Hobbs Williams was Regent, 1989-1991, members made two quilts to raise money and participated in the Western Days Parade. Regent Mrs. Vyrle C. Roe, 1991-1993, supported the DAR School and the Western Days Parade. During Regent Mrs. H. Bryan Peel's years, 1993-1995, there was a Marker Dedication for Anna Mae Robertson, and the Chapter was represented at the 103rd and 104th DAR Continental Congress. The Chapter also celebrated its 25-year anniversary. During Mrs. Joseph A. Bagley's term, 1995-1996, the City repaired the Liberty Bell. Regent Mrs. Claire J. Edwards, 1996-1998, rode the DAR Bus Tour to Washington with Ouineola Carpenter, the 106th Continental Congress. Regent Mrs. Marion L. Barrett, 1998-2000, began observing Flag Day at our Historical Home; now the City joins the DAR in this celebration.

Thankful Hubbard - Austin

Thankful Hubbard Chapter was named for the great-grandmother of Florence Anderson Clark, organizer of our Chapter in 1899. Mrs. Clark was the first State Regent of the Texas Society and honored in the late 1990s by TSDAR's placement of a marker at her gravesite in Oakwood Cemetery. Organizing Regent, Frances Hobart Evans, in whose home the Chapter still meets, served as Vice President General of NSDAR, the first from Texas. We are indeed blessed to serve the Society.

During this quarter century, Chapter members have participated in all facets of State and National programs, including having our candidate for the Community Service Award, Willie Kocurek, chosen as the State award winner. Alicean Rutter Kalteyer, a gifted member, won the National American Heritage award for her painting of a patriotic parade.

In early 1999, Thankful Hubbard Chapter celebrated her Centennial anniversary, honored by the presence of Registrar General Barbara Tucker Harrell and State Regent Donna Gail Miller Raymond. They accompanied Regent Laurie Fisher Dodson, Honorary Regent Carol Martin Castlebury, and Honorary Regent Kay Kerbow Gregory to a breakfast hosted by Nelda Laney, wife of Speaker of the Texas House Pete Laney, in their State Capitol apartments. Resolutions supporting our Centennial were read in both the Senate and House as our group, including John Clark, Florence Anderson Clark's great-grandson, stood to be honored. A Centennial Tea was held at the Austin Woman's Club, site of our Chapter's beginning and current meetings. Centennial Celebration donations created a fund used for many projects: A security closet was purchased to protect our 100 years of mementoes and papers, and two members donated a Chapter banner and flagstaff. Genealogy work was completed to add two descendants of Mrs. Clark, both daughters of John Clark, to our roster.

Regents serving Thankful Hubbard Chapter from 1975 through 2000 were Mrs. C. L. Littlefield, Mrs. Horace F. Adrian, Mrs. Griffin L. Hardin, Mrs. Bennie C. Downing, Mrs. George P. Weidmann, Mrs. James H. Sparks, Mrs. Edgar F. Merrill, Mrs. Glen M. Castlebury, Mrs. Fred E. Ryals, Jr., Dr. Lucy Shoe Meritt, Mrs. Malcolm D. Ferguson, Mrs. William M. Cox, Mrs. Joseph H. Goldberger, and Mrs. Dan D. Dodson.



Grave marker of Florence Anderson Clark, first State Regent of TSDAR and Organizing Regent of Thankful Hubbard



Gonzales Memorial Plate with "Come & Take It" Cannon

Thomas Shelton - Gonzales

The Thomas Shelton Chapter was organized December 26, 1910, in the home of the Organizing Regent, Mrs. R. H. Walker, Sr. The Chapter was named for the Revolutionary ancestor of Mrs. Walker. A member of her family has been an active Chapter member ever since. Mrs. Walker's current family members are her Great Granddaughters Mrs. Dana Eugene Nicolay, Mrs. Ralph McGarity, and Mrs. James David Yancey, III.

The Chapter was given the honor of sponsoring the Gonzales Memorial Museum as a project by the City of Gonzales in 1951. The Museum is governed by a six-member board made up of six Thomas Shelton Chapter members appointed by the current Regent. Mrs. Ross Boothe was the first chairman for the museum board, serving with Mrs. Raison, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Crozier, and Mrs. Grant. Many of our members have donated artifacts to the museum. We were instrumental in setting up a display for the "Come & Take It Cannon," according to the specifications of the will donating the cannon to the city by Dr. Patrick J. Wagner.

The Chapter appreciates the leadership of the women who have held the office of Regent. Those who have held this office from 1975-2000 include Mrs. Paul Kempe, Mrs. H. C. Fairchild, Mrs. C. F. Carson, Miss Rosannah Green, Mrs. G. L. Seitz, Mrs. W. R. Hendershot, Mrs. Ace V. Fairchild, Mrs. Melanie Moore Petru, Mrs. Angie Boothe, Mrs. Hensley Hurt, and Mrs. Larry Bakken.

The Thomas Shelton Chapter's 66 members play an active roll in the community and work on many DAR Committees. The DAR Good Citizens award is given each year to an outstanding senior at Gonzales High School, with an award of a $100 scholarship to the recipient. Sales of the Gonzales Memorial plates, which are decorated with the "Come & Take It" cannon, are the Chapter's fundraiser. The Chapter sponsors the Joseph Boothe Society, C.A.R. The two-room native rock building given by the city in 1952 for our use is still being used today.

Three Missions - Cameron

Three Missions Chapter was Organized 14 October 1993 in Milam County, Texas with seventeen members. Our Chapter formed when, in October 1990, the Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution rededicated the Texas State Centennial Park on Highway 79 on the west bank of the Brazos River. The original site, purchased by the disbanded Sarah McCallah Chapter of Cameron, had become landlocked when the highway was moved, and so the original marker was moved, and a new centennial marker was placed alongside the historical marker for Robertson's Colony in a roadside park.

A chance conversation during the rededication ceremony mentioned how sad it was that a long-time Chapter had been allowed to dissolve in the area, leaving Central Texas DAR members choices of joining chapters 40 to 80 miles away. From this simple observation arose a new central Texas Chapter: the Three Missions Chapter. Three years from that original conversation, the Chapter organized with seventeen members. Members were: Jennifer L. Brooks, Leila W. Brooks, Judith Y. Brown, Catherine F. Chambers, Vivian Y. Fields, Maurice S. Heitman, Carolyn H. Holloway, Carolyn F. Martin, Betty G. Stroman, Bonnell P. Vaculin, Helen B. Williams, Martha C. Wilson, and Organizing officers in the photo from left to right are: Marcy B. Heathman, Organizing Regent; Geneva K. Young, Organizing Vice-Regent; Elizabeth W. Freeman, Organizing Secretary; Jayne McDaniel, Organizing Treasurer; and Dorothy B. Crawford, Organizing Registrar.

In the following seven years, Three Missions Chapter sponsored the State Winning American Essay History entry, put online the first Texas Chapter website, and annually earned the Chapter Achievement Award. Our members have served as State Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, and National Vice-Chairmen. Members have participated in local genealogical organizations, public school education, and community services. There has been an active interest in history, heritage, citizenship, research and public service. We are proud of our accomplishments, and continue to work towards the goals of "God, Home and Country" in the next century.



Three Missions Organizing Officers



When we are plannin for posterity,
we ought to remember that virtue is not hereditary.

Thomas Paine,
The American Crisis no. I December 23, 1776

Titus Travis - Dallas

The Titus Travis Chapter was organized on October 10, 1980, with 33 members. Mary Agnes Hodgden Romine (Mrs. Thomas G.) was Organizing Regent. The membership elected to name the Chapter for the Revolutionary Ancestor of its Organizing Regent. His name was first mentioned in the "Muster Roll of New York Provincial Troops" as having enlisted during the year 1755. He was then a mere youth of 16 years. Later, after settling in Duchess County (now Putnam), he enlisted as a private in the Seventh Regiment of the Duchess County Militia under Colonel Henry Luddington. Colonel Luddington's daughter, Sibyl, became famous as a result of her bravery when she mounted her horse and rode throughout the district spreading the news of the attack of the British forces and called her father's men to be mustered. She became known as a " feminine Paul Revere." Titus Travis was one of the called soldiers, along with his two sons, George and James. The two sons had enlisted as soon as they were old enough to serve. Titus Travis married Elizabeth French, also from New York State. They had 11 children.

This Chapter has participated in almost all DAR activities. Members have attended Fall Forums, Constitution Brunches, Continental Congress, and teas for all special events. The Chapter has donated many flags. A flag and pole were donated to the Dallas, Fort Worth National Cemetery. One flag was donated to the Light House for the Blind in Dallas where a 90-year-old veteran was the first to read the flag with his hands. The Chapter has participated in grave markings, dedications, education, and have been exceptional in community service. The Chapter now has 37 members, and will celebrate its 25th anniversary in October 2005.

Regents for the period included Mary Agnes Romine (Mrs. Thomas G.), 1980-1981; Doris Macphearson (Mrs. James F.), 1981-1983; Pat Perusich (Mrs. Robert), 1983-1985; Anne Lucile Hofland (Mrs.Arnold) 1985-1987; Joy Hagg (Mrs. Albert), 1987-1989; Leota Brockie (Mrs. Robert), 1989-1991; Elizabeth Melton (Mrs. Joe), 1991-1993; Kimberly McClung (Mrs. Michael), 1993-1995; Maxine Bilsborough (Mrs. John),1995-1997; Judith Schies (Mrs. Robert), 1997-1999; and Sylvia Petty (Mrs. Donald) 1999-2001.

Trammel's Trace - Atlanta

Trammel's Trace Chapter was organized in Atlanta, Cass County, December 8, 1975. Mrs. Clovis A. (Louise) Martin, was Organizing Regent. The Chapter grew from the love that three of its members, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Myrlene Bowman, and Mrs. Kathryn Wicks-Peacock, had for genealogy and the role their ancestors played in the creation of our country. Mrs. Walter M. Burress, a member of another Chapter, suggested that a local chapter was needed.

The first organizing meeting was held on May 5, 1975, at the First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Texas. Mrs. Ford Hubbard, of Houston, the Organizing Secretary General for NSDAR, was present. The Chapter was officially confirmed January 8, 1976.

Trammel's Trace was chosen for its name since the Trace is related to Cass County history and was used by some of our ancestors when they came to Texas after the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Nicholas Trammell is credited with first using the 180-mile trail that today bears his name. In 1813 he established a horse path along early Indian trails from Nacogdoches to various points along the Red River.

The Chapter has actively promoted the DAR as a reminder to the public of our proud heritage as a won privilege rather than a privilege taken for granted. Activities have included dressing in period costume and riding in parades; fundraisers such as garage sales, bake sales, bottle water sales on hot days at festivals; "Living History" projects involving high school students; scholarships; Veteran's Day programs and activities; Patriotism Awards at 8th Grade Graduation ceremonies; visiting national defense military organizations like Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, and Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City-Shreveport, LA, just to name a few.

Our Past Regents are Mrs. Clovis A. Martin (1975-1978), Mrs. Lynn D. Ogle (1978-1981), Mrs. Roy Price (1981-1982), Mrs. Howard S. Lyerla (1982-1984), Mrs. Carlton D. Smith (1984-1986), Mrs. E. W. Rountree, Jr. (1986-1988), Mrs. Donald W. DeLaughter (1988-1990), Mrs. Marshall James Brooks, Jr. (1990-1992), Mrs. Millard E. Aud (1992-1995), Mrs. John M. Kenedy (1995-1998), Mrs. Glenn Gilley (1998-2000), Mrs. Jack Nasits (2000-2000), and Mrs. Neal Peacock (2000-2002).



Trammel's Trace

Trinity Star - Fairfield

First, the history of our name, Trinity Star. The Trinity River flows through six counties southeast of Dallas. Prior to the Civil War, Freestone County was the social, intellectual, and economic center of this group of counties, which were once known as the "Trinity Star." Our first meeting to organize was November 9, 1991. On November 23, Mrs. Ella Sheffield, TSDAR Organizing Secretary, came to provide assistance. Our Chapter was approved, and the declaration of our name and the installation ceremonies were conducted by Mrs. Virginia Hanna, Regent of the Jonathan Harden Chapter, Mexia. They were held April 18, 1992, at the Round Prairie Baptist Church in Fairfield. The following officers were installed: Lillian Farrow Hearn from Organizing Regent to Regent; Vice-Regent, Lean Ivy Fryer; Secretary, Barbara Fryer Price; and Treasurer, Paulene Lucas Saylor. We had 14 charter members at the time. There have been as many as 24 members. Up until 2000, death has claimed four charter members: Laura Ivy Denton (5-12-1993), Nora Ivy Awalt (6-2-1994), Clara Lucas Benton (6-1-1996), Nellie Collins Kay (1-16-2000).

Our Chapter has been honored by having two State Regents visit: Barbara Harrell during Constitution Week in 1995 and Mrs. Donna Raymond as our guest speaker November 20, 1999.

Other interesting speakers have been: Dr. Harold Shaver on the Constitution; Mr. Clarence Lucas, Past President California State Sons of the American Revolution on American History; Sheriff Ralph Billings on Texas history; John Carr on the Civil War. Projects to make money for our chapter have included cook books and a quilt and afghan to support all of the TSDAR State Regents' projects, plus the NSDAR President Generals' projects.

Regents have been: Lillian Farrow Hearn, Organizing Regent (1991-1992) and Regent (1992–1995); Frances Neal Walker, Regent (1995-1999), and Paulene Lucas Saylor, Regent (1999-2000).



Uvalde de las Encinas - Uvalde

Uvalde de las Encinas was organized September 13, 1952, by Organizing Regent, Mrs. R. B. Thrift. Dolph Briscoe, Jr., then a State Representative and later to become Governor of Texas, was the principal speaker at the Kincaid Hotel, where the organizing luncheon was held. His wife, Janey Briscoe, is a Chapter member. The city of Uvalde was originally known as Encinas, meaning Live Oak in Spanish. The City later was called Uvalde for the general of that name. The Chapter name combines both the Spanish and the English names for the City, which is known for its many stately live oak trees.

Past regents for the period include: Mrs. A. H. Sams (1973-1975); Mrs. Gavis Marsh (1975-1977); Mrs. J. A. Hazelrigg (1977-1979); Mrs. Jim Farr (1979-1981); Mrs. Terales Davis Ryne 1981-1983); Mrs. Brandon Janes, Jr. (1983-1985); Mrs. Tom Rogers (1985-1987); Mrs. O.W. Vickery (1987-1989); Mrs. Harvey J. Scott (1989-1991); Mrs. W.B. Springfield (1991-1994); Mrs. J. W. Danchak (1994-1998); and Mrs. Clark Davis (1998-2000).



Weatherford Chapter Treasures:
(l-r) Vivian McCrary, Fern Hudson, and Helen Guess

Weatherford -Weatherford

The Weatherford Chapter was chartered February 19, 1903, by Mrs. Alice Knowles Eglehoff and is one of the oldest, continuously operating chapters in the State Society. Since 1975, the Chapter has been motivated by many devoted women: May Belle Whitsett, Mrs. Jack S. Stoker, Donnell Walker Doss, Donna Champion Holder, Bessie McKeown Long, Helen Wright Guess, Sue Wolfenberger Davidson, Chloe Fine Smith, Vivian Fine McCrary, Evelyn Coalson Baldwin, Jean Ebert Bennett, Evlyn Wiley Broumley, Shari Johnson Scoggin, Janelle Witcher Hart, Fern Coalson Hudson, Mattie Browder Wolfenberger, Lois Lyle Wright, Gladys Alexander Waters, Lavada Fenner Kemp, and Zealand Simons Ingram.

Throughout the years, the Chapter has furthered education and patriotism with a variety of projects. Each year the Chapter has consistently awarded Good Citizen certificates and medals, and held a luncheon honoring young women from each of the seven high schools in the county. Annual essay contests for students and donations to purchase books for children, as well as displays on patriotic themes at the Weatherford Public Library, have furthered the education of many on the history of the Revolution and our country. Annually it awards a deserving student from Parker County a scholarship to Weatherford College. The scholarship evolved from a loan program established in the first part of the 20th century.

Constitution Week, held each September, has educated the entire community as to the importance of the Constitution through newspaper and radio announcements, as well as a display at the library. In 1993, the Chapter celebrated its 90th anniversary by hosting a pot-luck luncheon for the Ralph Ripley Chapter of Mineral Wells.

Chapter Regents have included Dorothy Knott Barrett Murray, Zealand Simons Ingram, Mary Vida Johnson Kearby, Donnell Walker Doss, May Belle Whitsett, Geraldine Owen Stoker, Rosa Lena Butler Cobb, Chloe Fine Smith, Katie McCormack Nola, Doris Smith Wilson, Donna Champion Holder, and Bessie P. McKeown Long.

White Oak - Irving

In 1980, a group of ladies from Irving who wanted a DAR chapter that met in the evenings convenient for working women, formed the White Oak Chapter. It was organized on October 10, 1980, with 23 members. Mrs Charlotte McLaren (James) was the Organizing Regent. The selection of "White Oak" as the chapter name was made after researching regional history.

Personal interviews with the earliest citizens revealed that the city of Irving was settled because of the tall grasses, bountiful supply of water and large white oak trees found in the area. Local Indian tribes had noticed and used the white oak tree to time the planting of their crops. According to legend, when the leaves were the size of a mouse's ear, the ground was warm enough for planting corn seeds. The organizing members of the White Oak Chapter appreciated the role of the oak tree in the history of Irving.

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The past regents of White Oak Chapter 1980-2000 have been Mrs James K.McLaren (1980-1982), Mrs Margaret W. Benton (1982-1984), Mrs John W. Taylor (1984-1986), Mrs Charles Lindsay (1986-1988), Mrs Marion Woodson (1988-1990), Mrs Paul K. Baker (1990-1992), Mrs Jack Huffman (1992-1994), Mrs W. Dwain Cottrell (1994-1996), Mrs Glenn W. Carpenter (1996-1998), Ms Sheila W. Cauley (1998-2000), and Ms. Anna Goodwin (2000 -2002).



William Diamond - Orange

The William Diamond Chapter was organized in Orange, Texas on October 16, 1971, at the Yacht Club overlooking the Sabine River. Mrs. Robert Dawson Evans, TSDAR Organizing Secretary, presented the facts about William Diamond for whom this chapter is named. "On the chilled morning of April 19, 1775, Captain John Parker directed William Diamond, the drummer boy to beat the call to arms. The summons, beat with zest and enthusiasm by a 16-year-old boy on his gaily emblazoned drum, called together the Minutemen of Lexington. In a few hours the War of the American Revolution began" (from *Lexington and Concord, The Beginning of the American Revolution* by Arther B. Tourtellot). The Chapter is proud to carry the name of this brave lad, William Diamond.

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The William Diamond Chapter has seen much success during the 34 years that it has been in existence. We have had many Constitutional Luncheons, George Washington Teas, and other events, along with many interesting programs. Scholarships have been given, trees planted, soup labels sent, stamps to the veterans sent, and pennies to Indians. Many wonderful ladies have served this Chapter and done much to preserve its history. We still have five of our orginial members who take an active part in the running our Chapter. They are Mrs. Patricia Black, Mrs. Georgia K. Sampson, Mrs. Sandra Cole, Mrs. Lula Skinner, and Mrs. Dorothy Vaughan. It should be noted that before the William Diamond Chapter was organized, there was another DAR chapter here in the early 1900s; it was the Hugh Ochiltree Chapter, and it even hosted the State Conference in 1917, held in the Holland Hotel. We look forward to many more years of service to our country and our community.

We are now forming a republican government. Real liberty is neither found in despotism or the extremes of democracy, but in moderate governments.

Alexander Hamilton
Debates of the Federal convention
June 18, 1787

William Findley - Palestine

The William Findley Chapter was organized March 6, 1906, by Mrs. A. R. Howard, Organizing Regent, at a Bluebonnet Luncheon in her home. The charter members were: Mmes. A. R. Howard, E. J. Ezell, H. R. Moore, Julia Wright Jones, I. S. Dallam, G. E. Dilley, Lucius Gooch, S. K. Hohes, and Misses Edna M. Dilly, Mary Ezell and Mary Odell Smith, all of Palestine; in addition, there were Mrs. Neil Carothers of Austin, Mrs. J. S. Weir of College Station, Miss Louise H. Wright of Austin, Miss Mary L. Bostick of Fort Worth, and Miss Bertha E. Moore of Denton. On December 8, 1906, the Chapter received its charter. It was the 13th chapter to organize in Texas. In 2005, the Chapter will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

The first officers were: Regent, Mrs. A. R. Howard; Vice Regent, Mrs. E. J. Ezell; Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. K. Hohes; Treasurer, Mrs. Lucius Gooch; and Historian, Mrs. I. S. Dallam. The Chapter was named for the Pennsylvania patriot, Willliam Findley, ancestor of four charter members.

Born in Ireland in 1741, Findley came to America in 1763 and settled in Westmoreland County, PA. He became a Captain in the Revolutionary Army; an Elder in the Presbyterian Church; member of Congress 1791-1799 and 1803-1817. A confidential friend of George Washington, Findley was known as the "Father of Congress." He died April 15, 1821, and is buried at Unity Meeting House Cemetery in Latrobe, Westmoreland Co. Pennsylvania.

The Chapter builds its programs around the objectives of the National Society. It presented seven DAR Good Citizen Awards. The students were given a DAR Good Citizen's Pin, Certificate, wallet card, and a Fifty Dollar Savings Bond.

Regents for 1975-2000 were Mrs. Guy T. Robinson (1974-1976); Mrs. Marye Jo Green Smith (1976-1979); Mrs. N. D. Crutchfield (1979-1980); Mrs. Clay D. Lockett (1980-1983); Mrs. Daniel F. Rex (1983-1985); Mrs. Carmon L. Greenwood (1985-1987); Mrs. Thomas W. Bailey (1987-1988); Mrs. Brent S. Lemons (1988-1989); Mrs. Harmon Watts (1989-1991); Mrs. John Brandt (1991-1993); Mrs. David Williams (1993-1995); Mrs. Fred B. Snyder (1995-1997); Mrs. David C. Malloy (1997-1999); and Mrs. Clint Surles (1999-2001).

William Scott - Bryan

The William Scott Chapter was organized February 24,1916, by Mrs. William C. Taliaferro, with 19 members. William Scott was an ancestor of Mrs. Taliaferro and served the American Revolution as an officer in the Virginia Company. Three chapter members have descended from this soldier.

The following Regents served from 1975 to 2000: Mrs. Hazel Richardson (1975-1977); Mrs. Emmette Wallace (1977-1979); Mrs. Haskell Brownlee (1979-1983); Mrs. Billa Clark Moore (1983-1985); Mrs. Charles F. Lewis (1985-1987); Mrs. J. Aubry Vick (1987-1989); Mrs. Larry Evans (1989-1991); Mrs. Charles F. Lewis (1991-1993); Mrs. Marshall C. Peters (1993-1995); Mrs. William P. Binger (1995-1997); Mrs. Merrill Green (1997-1999); and Mrs. R. Kent Potts (1999-2001).

William Scott Chapter has participated over the past 25 years in the community by presenting the DAR Good Citizenship awards; ROTC medals to Texas A & M; placing framed copies and posters of the U.S. Constitution in area schools, and celebrating Constitution Week with special ceremonies; helping with Naturalization ceremonies; promoting the American History Essay contest and having several State winners; planting trees; presenting American Flags to area businesses and schools; collecting clothing, money, coupons, and soup labels for our DAR approved schools; collecting money and clothing items for the veterans; placing grave markers; and promoting recycling programs. Chapter members have assisted voters at the polls and have helped with tutoring in schools and libraries. Along with the LaVillita Chapter, the William Scott Chapter continues to host the annual President's Day luncheon. The Chapter took a bus trip to Ann Brown's historic home in LaGrange in April 1997, and held a meeting in October 1994, in the Bush Presidential Library Center. The chapter took 1st place honors at State Conference for its yearbooks in 1998-1999 and 1999-2000. William Scott Chapter continues to participate in all aspects of NSDAR with its motto of "God, Home, & Country" and looks forward to the future.



"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves."

Thomas Jefferson to William Charles Jarvis. September 1820



Wolf Creek Chapter members with teachers and students presented with bookmarks for Constitution Week

Wolf Creek - Perryton

The Wolf Creek Chapter received its charter in April 1992. The membership gathered in the office of the First United Methodist Church to place the call to National. It was an exciting moment. The membership was not aware of just how exciting a moment it was because none were active in DAR to that point. The Chapter chose the name Wolf Creek for its regional historical significance. The civilization that lived near Wolf Creek and Lake Fryer south of Perryton was unique for this area. The village settlement was occupied during the 1400s. Twice, the Texas Archeological Society has held a field school to excavate the site, called Buried City, where this society lived.

Thirteen members chartered Wolf Creek, which grew quickly to 24 the following year. The Chapter received first place for the most increase in membership that year for chapters with one to 24 members. Charter members included: Christine Bagwell McEntire Bell, Mary Helen Hudson Dudley, Lois Eileen Ipson Firmin, Janeal Renee' Flathers Hand, Jane Louise Rogers Hudson, Jane Katherine Lusk Marr, Vandelia Sue Pinckley Morgan, Deborah Jean Spies Onorofskie, Sudie A. Records Reeder, Barbara Joyce Jeffress Richardson (Organizing Regent), Mary Lou Maberry Rowland, Norma Jean Hollensbe Spies, and Mildred Elizabeth Hilderbrand Wright. Chapter Regents have been: Barbara Joyce Jeffress Richardson (1992-1997) and Wanda Tye Scott (1997-2001).

Barbara Joyce Jeffress Richardson has served as Texas State Chorus Vice Chairman 1997-2000 and Texas State Chorus Chairman 2000-2003.



Yorktown Bicentennial - Yorktown

The organizers of this Yorktown, Texas, chapter selected "Yorktown Bicentennial" as a name because our organizing year coincided with the national celebration of the Yorktown, Virginia, Battle of Yorktown that ended the Revolutionary War in 1781. We consider Yorktown Bicentennial an appropriate name because it makes us feel a part of this crucial victory during the struggle for winning our country's freedom. Our chapter stands as a lasting memorial to the Bicentennial Celebration of the Battle of Yorktown.

Charter members were Margaret Weldon, Organizing Regent; Isabella Barrett; Rose Niemeier; Dorothy Baylor; Doris Parmer; Ruth Petty John; Carrie May Buchel; Lilly Reid; Lisa Caskey; Willo Roeder; Mary Cook; Ann Schendel; May Edgar; Beth Schendel; Virginia Harrison; Eleanor Smith; Lenora Lance; Marietta

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Snodgrass; Cathryn Lempa; Judy Wagenschein; Jean Muecke; and Mildred Weldon. Regents have included: Margaret Weldon*, Ann Schendel, Rose Niemeier, Tommie Nunez*, Shirley Moehrig*, Diana Oliver*, Patsy Edwards, Robbie Menn, and Mary Polinard. (An * denotes having served multiple terms.)

Our Chapter has participated in many projects, including surveying the cemeteries of Dewitt County; giving Youth Scholarships, Good Citizens Awards, Outstanding Citizens Awards; supporting the Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc. of Gonzales, Texas; observing Constitution Week; remembering the "Wall of Honor" at Ellis Island; celebrating George Washington's Bicentennial; supporting the Renovation of Constitutional Hall; honoring military personnel and most recently contributing comfort items to injured soldiers at Walter Reed Army Hospital.



Surrender of Cornwallis to Washington at Yorktown, painting by Edward Percy Moran

The following chapters did not provide a history

Agnes Woodson - Belton

Ann Whitney - Hamilton

Captain John Sale - George West

Captain William Young - Longview

Chanes - Junction

Comanche Springs - Fort Stockton

Coryell County - Gatesville (disbanded in 2002)

Mission Dolores de los Ais - San Augustine

Pleasant Run - Lancaster

Sarah Sharp Berry - Volente

Smuggler's Pass - Alice

Trinity Bay- Anahuac



Old barn near Hocheim between Gonzales and Cuero with Texas Flag painted on roof peak.

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