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Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33
Sons of the American Revolution



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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

March

Next Meeting
14 March, 2015
11:30 a.m.

On the River Restaurant
919 W 2nd St
Freeport, TX 77541

Speaker

Judy Bernard

Topic:

Quimper French Pottery



Judy Bernard and her husband, SAR Member Charles (Chuck) Bernard, moved to Brazoria County in 2000 after their retirement from Federal service in Washington, DC.

Both Judy and Chuck were career civil servants with the Department of Defense. Judy was a financial manager for U.S. Navy weapons systems research and development programs. She describes

the move she and Chuck made to West Columbia as a story of people searching for their perfect retirement place. After a four year search, they settled on the local area because of the small towns, clear skies, wide open spaces, moss on the trees, nice weather and great people.

French *faience* (pottery) grew from admiring the French design plates and tableware decorating a favorite restaurant in Alexandria, VA. The love of faience grew as she and Chuck lived in Brussels where the supply of pottery pieces was endless in shops and flea markets. After retiring, Judy pursued her interest in this decorative art and joined, then eventually became president of, Quimper Club International. The organization is for collectors of fine and antique French faience especially from the area of Quimper in Brittany, France.

Always the duo with her husband, Judy and Chuck each earned a Doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, Washington, DC campus. They have visited all 7 Continents and over 65 countries which attests to their favorite hobby, travel.



MEETING MINUTES

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February 7, 2015

President Michael Bailey opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. at the Wharton County Junior College cafeteria conference room in Wharton. Arthur Evans led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas Pledge and SAR pledge. George Easterling gave the blessing for our meal. Bill Sanders offered the menu and invited everyone into cafeteria.

Registrar Bill Sanders introduced guest speaker Dr. Paul N. Spellman, Professor of Texas and United States history and the Division Chair at Wharton County Junior College in Richmond, Texas. Dr. Spellman's family is descended from Austin's Old 300, the Zadock Woods' family and William Bradford's Mayflower family. Zadock Woods father, Johnathan Woods fought in the Battle of Benington in the American Revolutionary War. Dr. Spellman gave credit to his wife, Kathleen, for her enormous amount of time and support of him in his writing of His latest book. Kathleen works in the local school district and is active in church and community affairs.

Dr. Spellman is the author of several books on Texas history, his most recent being Old 300: Gone to Texas published in 2014. Stephen F. Austin and the Old 300 were a significant part of Texas History. It tells how Austin went about collecting families who were of good character for his colony. The book contains names, dates, cities and locations where each family came from and where they settled. Dr. Spellman also spoke of his friend John Nau, President and CEO of Silver Eagle Distributors who is building an \$80 million museum in Houston to house U.S.A. and Texas history from the upper Texas Gulf Coast, Port

Arthur to Matagorda. Michael Bailey presented Dr. Spellman with a Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Bill of Rights.

The January 10, 2015 Minutes were presented for review and approved on the motion of Arthur Evans and second by Tillman Daniel.

Michael Bailey reviewed the financial activity of January that was handed out and reported on by Treasurer Arthur Evans.

General Fund

Beginning Balance	
01/01/15	\$4,121.02
Deposits	\$0.00
Expenditures	\$42.20
Ending Balance	
11/30/14	\$4,078.82
McAlexander Fund	\$883.00
Total Bank Balance	\$4,961.82

The report was accepted on a motion by Winston Avera and second by Russell Dart.

Reports:

- Bill Sanders had no Registrar Report, but reminded everyone that the April 11th meeting would be held in Palacios at the General Hulen house on Matagorda County Navigation District No. 1 Property. A catered meal of seafood will be served, fresh off the boat.
- Sanders introduced guest Darryl and Debbie Chromcak from Louise. Darryl will be the recipient of The Community Service Award and Medal presented by the DAR at a ceremony in the Wharton County Museum at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon.
- Winston Avera, Vice President and Program Director, reported that the March meeting will be in Freeport at On the River Restaurant. Julie Bernard will give a program on French pottery and its use in the colonies in the 1700s.

New Business:

Michal Bailey reminded everyone to pay their dues.

Upcoming Events:

- Comfort Wood DAR Program at Wharton County Historical Museum at 2:00 p.m. today
- Celebration of Texas statehood and contribution of President Anson Jones at 2:00 p.m. on 2/19/15
- George Washington's Birthday Parade in Laredo on 2/21/15
- Texas Independence Day Celebration at Stephen F. Austin statue in Angleton on March 2nd at 1:00 p.m.. Arthur Evans told about activities and reenactments to take place.
- The Brazoria Heritage Foundation will be holding its annual program on March 7th. Michael Bailey and George Easterling will man an SAR booth there to explain our mission and recruit members.
- Constitution Day programs will be held in West Columbia and Angleton on 9/17/15

The meeting was adjourned on motion by George Easterling.

Michael Bailey led the SAR recessional and retirement of the colors.

George Easterling gave the benediction.

Members Present - Ted Bates, George Easterling, Tillman Daniel, Bill Sanders, W. Barton Griffith, Doc Rice, Russell Dart, Arthur Evans, Michael Bailey and Winston Avera.

Guests Present - Frances Hummel, Connie Avera, Pat Sanders, Carl & Caroline Wiggins, Darryl & Debbie Chromcak, Bruce & Pam Turner, Charley & Jane Boland, Rodney Weems, Hazel Foltyn, Gloria Jalufka, James & Nancy Leach, Karl McLeod, Jack & Becky Swanson, Jim Brock and Julie Bailey.

This Month During The American Revolution

March 8, 1777

Skirmish at Punk Hill, New Jersey American Victory

By Brigadier General William Maxwell

March 9.—Yesterday, the British, supposed to be about three thousand, came out from Amboy, and posted themselves on Punk Hill. They brought artillery and an artillery and number of wagons, as if to forage, though there were none left in that neighborhood worth notice. General Maxwell, with the troops under his command, was on a rising ground to the northward, in plain view, though at a good distance. The enemy were too well situated to be attacked.

Maxwell sent a party to the left to amuse them, while his real design was to the right, on the heights towards Bonamtown. He sent a strong party that way to examine their lines, if they had any, and to fall in near the end of them, that he might fall on their flank; this was performed by part of Colonel Potter's battalion of Pennsylvania militia, and part of Colonel Thacher's New England troops. Colonel Cook, of the Pennsylvanians, had been ordered from Matuchin to come down on Carman's Hill, and keep along the heights till he met the enemy. About half a mile lower down, between Carman's Hill, and Woodbridge, the two parties being joined, met a strong advanced party of the enemy. On the first firing, Colonel Martin and Lieutenant-Colonel Lindley were sent to support them; they all behaved well and kept their ground till they were supported from the main body, which immediately marched that way. The enemy also sent out a reinforcement, but on another regiment of Americans being sent on the left to cut them off from their main body, the party gave way in great confusion, and the flame

catching their main body, all went together. Our people pursued them and took a prisoner and a baggage wagon close in their rear, a good way down in the plain ground. Bonamtown lay too near on the right, and a plain, open ground towards Amboy, to pursue far. They left four dead on the field, and we took three prisoners. By the quantity they carried off in sleds and wagons, it is supposed they had near twenty killed, and twice that number wounded.

General Maxwell says that by a soldier taken prisoner, he learns that General Howe was at Bonamtown during the engagement, till he saw his troops make the best of their way home, when he thought it was time for him to go.'

Extract of a letter from Haddonfield, New Jersey, in Pennsylvania Journal.

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By Frank Moore

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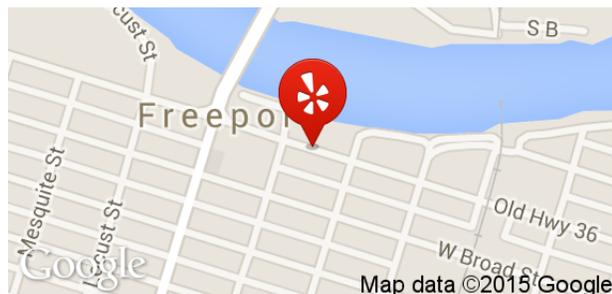
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