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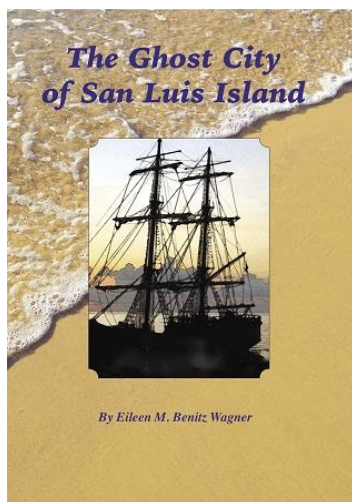
Michael J. Bailey, Editor

March

Next Meeting
MARCH 12, 2016
11:30 a.m.
River Point Restaurant
111 Abner Jackson Pkwy
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Program
Eileen M. Benitz Wagner

THE GHOST CITY OF SAN LUIS ISLAND



The Ghost City of San Luis Island depicts the important role of a small island to the origin of Texas, as well as the power of hurricanes and how that power affects this very fragile barrier island. Written by Eileen M. Benitz Wagner, combines historical documents, first-person accounts and the author's intimate knowledge of the area.

Based on historical events from the 1500s to the present, *The Ghost City of San Luis Island* demonstrates the strength and hardships of building an early American city during the 1840s on San Luis Island in Brazoria County, Texas.

The book provides an in-depth look at the City of San Luis and its people through newspaper clippings, maps, documents and narrative collections along with several rare photos that have never been made available to the public before. Eyewitness accounts include surviving forty and fifty foot high waves on the west end of Galveston Island during the 1900 Hurricane at San Luis Pass. No other Texas history book has this degree of documented material about San Luis Island and The peninsula known as Follett's Island.

The author's love of history and attention to detail has made this book possible. Having lived at Treasure Island for thirty years, Eileen M. Benitz Wagner has seen and lived through many scenarios first hand.

The book is available from most bookstores or on-line. It can also be ordered direct from the publisher at www.wildhorsestore.com. The book is available for \$29.95 in hardback and \$19.95 in paperback.



MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
February 6, 2016

President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at Wharton Junior College, Wharton, Texas. Michael Bailey led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas and SAR Pledges.

Treasurer Arthur Evans gave the blessing for our meal.

Avera introduced guest speaker Michael Hurley and guest Caroline and Carl Wiggins, Bud and Mary Northington, Rodney Weems, Comfort Woods DAR Chapter members, Hazel Foltyn and Gloria Jalufka. Secretary Ray Beall introduced his guests, his wife Glenda Beall and friend Mike Adams. Arthur Evans introduced Charles Eastland from Lake Jackson.

President Avera called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Michael Bailey moved to accept them as written and Arthur Evans seconded it. The motion carried.

Treasurer Arthur Evans Report:

General Fund

Beginning Balance

12/31/2015 \$4,421.05

Deposits

(Doc Rice, Knight Essay) \$100.00

Expenditures \$76.03

Ending Balance

1/31/2016 \$4,405.02

McAlexander Fund¹ \$883.00

Total Bank Balance \$5,328.02



The Chapter will be honoring Jim Gillenwaters of Columbia Lakes with an EMT Award at the March 12th meeting.

¹ Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Honor Guards

Committee Reports:

Winston gave a brief report on Doc Rice's health. He will forward more information when available.

Registrar Bill Sanders reported that Douglas Rhodenbaugh's SAR application is in Louisville, Kentucky. Bill recently presented 12 Eagle Scouts certificates along with scholarship forms at a Scouting event in Columbus, Texas, for all Wharton County Eagle Scouts. Bill has four (4) more certificates to present in the next couple of months.

Bill is currently working on 24 applications, including Charles Eastland and Bud Northington. Lastly, Mr. Sanders reported that the ROTC event is coming up pretty soon.

Russell Dart reported that the chapter currently pays 25% of the cost for uniforms out of the McAlexander Fund. He proposed that the chapter pay 50% of uniforms. Motion to increase the amount was made by Russell. After some discussion, Dart withdrew his motion.

President Avera asked Ray Beall to get with Michael Bailey and Russell Dart to get names of three vendors for pricing of complete uniforms. Ray will give a report of his findings at our next meeting.

Get to know your Compatriot - In an effort to get to know more about one another, President Avera will ask a member to give a profile of not only their patriots, but, also, their personal hobbies, history, SAR offices held, etc. at each meeting. The first Compatriot asked to share his information was Dr. Tillman Daniel.

Dr. Tillman Moody Daniel, Jr. has been a member of the Cradle of Texas Chapter of SAR since 1987. He is a descendent of Robert Moody, Sr. who was born about 1755 to Robert Moody born about 1697 and Ann Moody of Virginia. Mr. Moody immigrated to South Carolina and served in the 6th South Carolina Regiment during the Revolutionary War. He enlisted on December 14, 1778. After the war he was active in real estate as a buyer and seller and acquired over a thousand acres of land on both sides of the Little Pee Dee River in South Carolina. He was a slave owner. He primarily farmed cotton and possibly indigo. He married Estes Elvington and continued to live in Marian County, South Carolina until his death on August 22, 1810. He had 10 children. Doctor Daniel is the descendant of their third son James Moody.

Doctor Daniel attended Baylor University, Baylor College of Medicine and Louisville General Hospital. He was a Captain in the USAF as a Flight Surgeon from 1956-1959. He general practice was in Bay City from 1959-1999 and is now retired. He married Freda Louise Kilgo in 1956 and has four (4) children, four (4) grandchildren and two (2) great grandchildren.

Next month's Compatriot will be Arnold Seidule.

Winston told about his efforts to increase awareness of the SAR by publishing articles in all local newspapers for each meeting's special event (speaker, new member or awards given). These articles as well as meeting announcements are being sent to the following: Alvin Sun Advertiser, Bay City Sentinel, Brazoria County News, The Brazosport Facts, El Campo Leader, Palacios Beacon, The Bay City Tribune, The Wharton Journal Spectator.

Winston asked if you see these articles, please cut them out and get them to him so that we can determine which publications we can depend upon.

Also, Winston noted that like the volunteers who manned the Colonial Militias and helped win our independence, our communities depend on volunteers for little league coaches, fire fighters, city councils, hospital boards, and many other endeavors. America runs on volunteers. Their rewards are self-satisfaction in trying to improve and protect our communities. He asked that we make the effort at each meeting to recognize these outstanding volunteers and professionals as a small way to thank them.

Gift bags for all members and guests in attendance were prepared by Bill Sanders.

Upcoming Events:

- This afternoon - Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) members (Gloria Jalufka and Hazel Foltyn) will be giving DAR Good Citizens awards to area seniors of Wharton County at the Wharton Museum at 2:00 p.m. Doc Blakely will be the guest speaker. Our Chapter will provide the Color Guard.



- February 15th - Presidents Day
- February 19th - Celebration of Texas becoming the 28th state will be held at

Texas' last President Anson Jones' grave at Glenwood Cemetery in Houston.

- February 20th - 119th Annual George Washington Parade in Laredo, Texas. Tom Green reported the it is the oldest and largest George Washington parade in world. Forty TXSSAR compatriots have signed up to be in the parade. The parade will start at 9:00 a.m.
- February 21st - Asa Underwood DAR Chapter has invited us to join them for their George Washington Tea for presentation of Good Citizens Awards to a senior from each of the Brazoria County schools. Their speaker will be Jerri Yenne, Brazoria County District Attorney. The meeting will be held at the Bethel Presbyterian Church in East Columbia, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Please let Winston know if you can attend.
- March 2nd - Sons of the Republic of Texas are having a Texas Independence Day celebration at the Stephen F. Austin Statute in Angleton. Local schools are invited to learn what life was like in the Republic of Texas era by re-enactors. A flyer will be sent to Ray Beall which will have more details.
- March 5th is Brazoria Heritage Day in Brazoria, Texas. Michael and Russell will man a SAR booth. The all-day event will feature a cattle drive down main street, antique car show, gun show, etc.
- March 31st thru April 3rd - Texas SAR Annual Spring Meeting, Hyatt Regency North Dallas. No agenda is available at present time. TXSSAR President Larry Stevens sent a tentative agenda to Winston. Russell

noted that youth contest will be during Saturday lunch.

- May 30th - Memorial Day



Program:

Winston Avera introduced guest speaker W. Michael Hurley who is a Regional Sales Coordinator for Aflac Inc., responsible for hiring, training, and managing the company's sales force in Northwest Arkansas. He is a graduate of Southern Christian University (94) and the Brown Trail School of Preaching (92). Michael currently serves as the Commander of the Major Fontaine R. Earl Camp #145 in Fayetteville, Ar. He is a member of the SCV for 20 years and has recently moved back to native Arkansas after having served as a Commander/Lt. Commander at the Camp, brigade and Division levels in Texas. He is member of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Order of the Southern Cross and is a 2015 candidate for membership into the Society of Cincinnati.

Michael and his wife Tami have four children and two grandchildren.

"The Kings Mountain Boys"

Historians consider the Battle of Kings Mountain to be the "turning point in the South" in America's War for independence. The victory of Patriots over the Loyalist and the Crown's troops

destroyed the left wing of Lord Cornwallis's army. The battle also effectively ended at least temporarily the British advance into North Carolina. Lord Cornwallis was forced to retreat from Charlotte into South Carolina to wait for reinforcements. The victory of the Overmountain Men allowed General Nathaniel Greene the opportunity to reorganize the American Army.

When British General Henry Clinton learned of his men's defeat at Kings Mountain, he is reported to have called it the "first link of a chain of evils" that he feared might lead to the collapse of the British plans to squash the Patriot rebellion. He was right. American forces went on to defeat the British at Cowpens. A little more than a year after Kings Mountain, Washington accepted Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown, Virginia.

Kings Mountain is an outlying portion of the Blue Ridge Mountains. A heavily rocky and wooded area, the mountain rises 60 feet above the plains surrounding it.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Michael Bailey, second by Tillman Daniel.

Arthur Evans gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be on March 12, 2016 at River Point. Author Eileen M. Benitz Wagner will preview her book *The Ghost city of San Luis Island*.

Members Present -A.J. Seidule, Winston Avera, Russell Dart, Thomas Mayerle, Michael Bailey, Tom Green, Ray Beall, Clayton Mann (Jr. SAR), Jerry Murphy, Dylan Johnston (Jr. SAR), Bill Sanders, Arthur Evans, and Tillman Daniel MD.

Guests Present - Connie Avera, Hazel Foltyn, Gloria Jalufka, Pat Sanders, Sandy Murphy, Mike Adams, Charles Eastland, Caroline Wiggins, Carl Wiggins, Freda Daniel, Glenda Beall, Michael Hurley,

Rodney Weems, Bud Northington, and Mary Northington.

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