



Cradle of Texas Crier
Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33
Sons of the American Revolution



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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

November

Next Meeting
08 November, 2014
11:30 a.m.

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
119 County Road 300G
West Columbia, TX

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While the address is West Columbia the Church is actually in East Columbia, TX.

Speaker:
Laurie Kincannon



Laurie Kincannon and her topic:

Following a 35 year career teaching English and history in the public schools, Laurie Kincannon retired to concentrate full time on her position as the first female mayor of the City of West Columbia. She is currently serving her fourth two year term. With all of her duties, she still finds time to promote the history of West Columbia and its unique place in history.

Topic: *WHO WERE THE FOUNDING FATHERS? THE MEN BEHIND THE CONSTITUTION AND THE SACRIFICES THAT THEY AND THEIR FAMILIES MADE FOR OUR FREEDOM*

Catered Mexican buffet by Apostolic Lighthouse Church. \$12 per person

MEETING MINUTES

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October 11, 2014

President Michael Bailey opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Aycock-Crews B&B in East Columbia. Win Avera led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, Texas Pledge and SAR Pledge. Arthur Evans gave the blessing for our meal.

We welcomed Dr. Larry Wilkerson, guest of Chuck and Judy Bernard.

The September 2014 Minutes were approved on a motion by Russell Dart and second by Frank Seidule.

Treasurer Arthur Evans reported no financial activity of September:

General Fund

Beginning Balance	
9/1/14	\$4,415.34
Deposits	\$0.00
Expenditures	\$0.00
Ending Balance	
4/30/14	\$4,415.34
McAlexander Fund	\$883.00
Total Bank Balance	\$5,298.34

Bill Sanders reported that the National Society of SAR will be mailing the membership directory in January. He showed an article of the Constitution Day celebration in Louise that he organized and that the El Campo Leader News published. Bill, also, joined in the Constitution Day events held at the Cher Hotel in Lake Jackson that the DAR held.

President Bailey appointed the Nominating Committee for 2015 officers and directors. The members are Russell Dart, Arnold Seidule and Tillman Daniel.

Michael Bailey announced the following:

- Dorothy Salisbury, widow of deceased compatriot Jim Salisbury, passed away on September 18th.
- Ralph Mayerle, brother of compatriot Thomas Mayerle, passed away September 27th.
- Earlene Pugh, widow of deceased compatriot Don Pugh, is doing much better as is back at home.
- November 11th - Veterans Day parade will be in Jones Creek. Bailey has a truck and accessories.
- November 3rd marks Stephen F. Austin's birthday. A celebration will be held at the site of his statue in Angleton, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- November 7th
 - 11:00 a.m. the Columbia Cemetery Association will dedicate the new State Historical Marker honoring Byrd Lockhart, Texas Revolutionary War hero. <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/flo01>
 - 6:00 p.m. the West Columbia Historical Museum will host their Annual Meet Your

Ancestors reenactment in historic Old Columbia Cemetery; there is no charge. Actors will represent and tell the story of eight different local historical citizen's lives and their contributions.

- November 8th
 - Austin Town - see announcement sent as an attachment.
 - Ghost Along the Brazos - see <http://www.aycockcrews.com/images/flyer-halloween.jpg>
- February 7th - SAR meeting in Wharton followed by Comfort Woods Chapter DAR at Wharton County Historical Museum. On motion by Win Avera and second by Russell Dart, we agreed to move the February meeting from the second Saturday to the first one.

Aycock Crews Bed & Breakfast owner and host Flem Rogers shared some of his extensive knowledge about the East Columbia District (listed in the National Register of Historic Places). A tour of the Aycock Crews home that was built in 1870 by Brazos River riverboat Captain Richard Aycock was open to everyone.

Rogers then showed some of the many rare, authentic early American firearms plus blades of all sizes that he has collected. Especially interesting was his description of how each was used and its capabilities and limitations.





Chapter President Bailey and Flem Rogers

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Russell Dart, second by Arthur Evans.

Arthur Evans gave the benediction and Michael Bailey led the SAR recessional.

Members Present – Michael Bailey, Russell Dart, Chuck Bernard, Ted Bates, Arnold Seidule, Arthur Evans, Frank Seidule, Tim Hall, Dr. Rice, Franke Seidule and Winston Avera.

Guests Present - Sue Dart, Judy Bernard, Connie Avera, Larry Wilkinson, Joan Bates, Julie Bailey.

This Month During The American Revolution

November 1, 1777

General Orders

Head-Quarters, Whitpain Township,
Parole Newtown. Countersigns, Reading,
Stamford.

The commissaries are directed to take all the liquors in the hands of the sutlers, at

a reasonable price if they can agree, and if they cannot, the sutlers are to carry them away: And no sutler shall be allowed to continue in the camp after the 5th. instant.

A General Court-Martial of which General Sullivan was president, was held the 25th, 26th, 27th and 30th of October last, for the trial of Brigadier General Wayne on the following charge, viz, "That he had timely notice of the enemy's intention, to attack the troops under his command, and on the night of the 20th. of Sept. last, and notwithstanding that intelligence, neglected making a disposition, until it was too late either to annoy the enemy, or make retreat, without the utmost danger and confusion." Upon which the Court pronounced their sentence as follows:

"The Court having fully considered the charge against Brigadier Genl. Wayne, and the evidence produced to them, are unanimously of opinion that Genl. Wayne is not guilty of the charge exhibited against him, but that he, on the night of the 20th. Ultimo (that is of Sept. last) did every thing that could be expected from an active, brave, and vigilant officer, under the orders he then had. The Court do acquit him with the highest honor."

The Commander in Chief approves the sentence.

Henceforward, whenever any Non-commissioned officers, or soldiers, shall be confined, for crimes not triable by Regimental Courts Martial; the Brigadiers or officers commanding brigades, are, without delay, to order Brigade Courts Martial to try them; and the sentences of such courts they are to approve or disapprove, and cause to be executed, as to them shall appear just; except only where the prisoners are sentenced to suffer death.

As an encouragement to all persons to take up and bring to Head-Quarters, any deserters from the Continental Army, the Commander in Chief hereby promises a reward of Ten Dollars for each deserter so taken and brought in, besides One Shilling a mile for every mile they travel; to be computed from the place where he is taken, to camp; This bounty, and mileage, to be paid to all non-commissioned officers and soldiers, who shall bring in deserters, as well as to the inhabitants of the states.

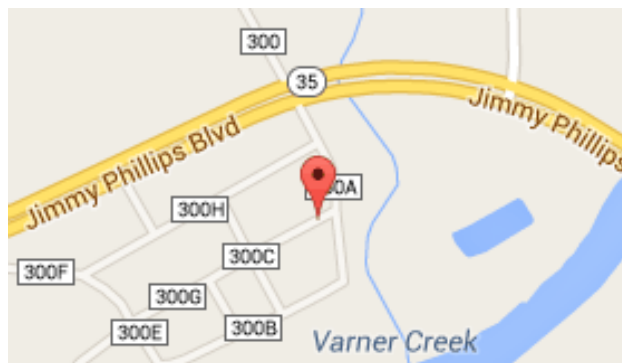
Many reasons have concurred, to induce the Commander in Chief, to extend mercy to Thomas Roach, now under sentence of death, for desertion; and to grant him his pardon; which is hereby declared. He is to return to his corps immediately. The Commander in Chief expecting, that by his future good behaviour, he will atone for his past crimes, and shew himself worthy of this act of clemency.

Transcripts George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799: Series 3g Varick Letterbook 2

<http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collid=mgw3&fileName=mgw3g/gwpage002.db&recNum=291>

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