



# THE TENNESSEE DAME

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## TENNESSEE STATE PRESIDENT Charlotte Miller

*Captain Thomas Carter Chapter*

**Motto** - "Celebrating the Seventeenth Century in the  
Twenty-first Century in Tennessee"

**Scripture** - "A merry heart doeth good."  
Proverbs 17:22

**Theme** - "Preservation, Education, and Communication"

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## The President's Message

The Tennessee Society was saddened by the death of State Historian Charlene Johnson in November. Charlene was also serving as President of Clarendon Chapter at the time of her death. State Awards, Gifts, and Special Activities Chairman Lynda Logan has agreed to serve as State Historian for the remainder of the term in order to receive the chapter historian reports. Clarendon Vice President Blanche Pearson is now the chapter president.

The John Madison Chapter in Jackson and the John Ogle Chapter in Sevierville were both visited in November. It was exciting to learn about the many activities and projects of these chapters! An "official" visit was also made to my chapter, Captain Thomas Carter, in December. I am looking forward to receiving the Chapter President reports from all of the chapters. Final plans are being made for the 55th State Conference at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo. President Lenore Levy and the Prudhomme Fort Chapter Members are looking forward to hosting the Conference.

If you plan to attend the 87th National Conference in Washington DC and would like to be one of the hostesses for the Tennessee Room at the Open House and Tea on Thursday, April 14, please let me know immediately. A list of names must be submitted very soon in order to be listed in the Conference Program.

*Charlotte Miller*

## CDXVIIC Website Links

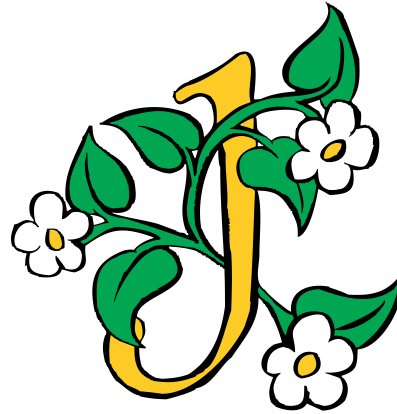
National: [www.colonialdames17c.org](http://www.colonialdames17c.org)

Tennessee State Society: [www.rootsweb.com/~tncd17c/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~tncd17c/)

## Death of State Historian Charlene Johnson

State Historian **Charlene Langley Johnson** passed away on November 15, 2010. Funeral services were held on November 19, 2010. The following was included in her obituary:

Charlene Johnson currently serves as President of both Crockett's Forge Seat Chapter of the US Daughters of 1812 and the Clarendon Chapter of Colonial Dames 17th Century. She also currently holds the office of Recording and Correspondence Secretary of the Middle Plantation Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonies and has served in the past as Registrar and Regent of the Cumberland Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in which she still holds membership. On the State level, she serves as Curator for the Daughters of 1812 and as Historian for the Colonial Dames 17th Century. Mrs. Johnson is a member of Centenary United Methodist Church in Nashville. Preceded in death by her father, Charley F. Langley; brothers, Jerry P. Langley and Dale J. Langley. Survived by husband, Ben Johnson; mother, Nida Mae (Bell) Langley of Murfreesboro; sister, Denise L. (Jim) Moran of Hermitage; brother, Charley L. (Jamie) Langley of Murfreesboro; sister-in-law, Linda F. Langley of Lawrenceburg; and nephews, Justin R. Langley, Alex C. Moran and Andrew J. Langley.



The Executive Board of the State Society CDXVIIC sent flowers to the services of State Historian Charlene Johnson in the name of the State Society. An arrangement of light blue hydrangeas and yellow flowers were selected to correspond to the colors of our Society. The following was received from Denise Moran, Charlene's sister:

*The flowers sent by the members of the Tennessee Society Colonial Dames 17th Century were beautiful and greatly appreciated. Your arrangement was given a place of prominence during visitation to signify the high regard in which Charlene held the membership and the significant role Colonial Dames held during her life. Please know how much we appreciate your honoring Charlene in such a manner.*

*Most Sincerely,*

*Denise Moran and the Langley-Johnson Families*

The **Captain Thomas Carter Chapter** had a Christmas luncheon at The Orangery in Knoxville on December 1st. Charlotte Miller presented the program, and the members enjoyed a gift exchange. The chapter made a donation to the Tennessee Room in honor of State President Miller, the first State President from the Chapter since Mary Jane Hilyer in 1977-1979. Pictured (L – R): 2nd VP Lynda Williams, Registrar Debra Wilson, 1st VP Joan Schwarzenberg, President Shirley Hall, State President Charlotte Miller, and Librarian Evelyn Carter.

## Captain Thomas Carter Chapter



## Captain Charles Barham Chapter

On December 11th the old Routon home on Dunlap Street was the scene of beauty as Christmas was ushered in as Stephanie Taylor and her mother Val Routon hosted an open house Christmas Tea. Members of the Captain Charles Barham Chapter Colonial Dames XVII Century, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Colonist and United Daughters of the Confederacy served as greeters.

Before starting the tour of the Christmas trees, guests were treated to a large Casablanca Lily flower arrangement in the foyer. First on the tour was the blue parlor with a tree trimmed with imperial gold ornaments. The recently restored portrait of Val Routon, painted by her mother-in-law, Miss Pearl Routon in 1955, is hung in this parlor.

The red parlor had new decorations of silver and rhinestones. The large library tree was trimmed with ornaments collected by four generations of the Routon family. The second floor held even more surprises. The main hall tree was trimmed in sugar fruits and angels. Each of the three bedrooms had their own theme; one being "Gone with the Wind" ornaments and figurines and another had 300 dolls and furniture. A new theme this year for the third bedroom was an original tree decorated with natural ornaments including hornet and bird nests. A Victorian tree with pink and lace ornaments filled one corner of the dining room. No one refused to sample the beautiful Christmas cakes on the antique sideboard or the many finger food treats on the table.

Joy N. Bland, Pres. and PR Chairman



Captain Charles Barham Chapter Colonial Dames XVIIIC at Christmas Tea  
*Picture above and seated (L to R): Mary Ann Claxton, Joy Bland, and Val Routon. Back Row (L to R): Suzanne Richter, Mary Hershey, Geraldine Sykes, Stephanie Tayloe, Janice Webb, Berdie Foy, Julie Hesson, Julie Wilson and Mary Powers.*

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### ✓ **Reminder for Reports - Deadlines for 2011** ✓

Chapter Reports are due to the State Chairman by **January 15, 2011**. All forms are available on the National Colonial Dames XVII Century website:

**[www.colonialdames17c.org](http://www.colonialdames17c.org)**

The information was also given to each Chapter President on a CD at the Summer Board of Management meeting in August 2009 and emailed if there was an email contact. The National Society distributed no printed packet. If you wish to send your chapter report

to the State Chairman via email, please check with the Chairman first to see if she will accept the information in this format. All State Chairmen except for the 100th Anniversary Celebration Chairman Doris Mason have email.

State Chairmen are reminded that reports should be forwarded to the National Chairman by **February 15, 2011**.



## John Madison Chapter



John Madison Chapter President Jen Whitehead presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Elizabeth Brown for her "Creative Development of the John Madison Webpage." Accepting for Elizabeth is her mother, Benita Brown. Elizabeth was also selected as the John Madison Chapter Junior of the Year.



Seated (L - R): Outgoing President Rowena McFalls, State President Charlotte Miller, Incoming President Beth Ogle Freeman. Back (L-R): Judy Pat Williams, Shirley DeLozier, Verna Finwick, Charlene Castel, Theresa Williams, Nan Runyan, State Librarian Laura Bales, Alma Webb. Pictured on the right is President Rowena McFalls.

State President Charlotte Miller attended the John Madison Chapter meeting in Jackson on November 13 at the home of Benita Brown. Chapter President Jennie Whitehead an-



nounced the completion of the booklet, *Tennessee Counties and Their Adjoining Neighbors – Researching the Past in the Present for the Future*. Compiled by Tyson and Jennie Whitehead for the chapter, this valuable genealogical resource for those doing TN research will be published as a chapter fund-raiser for future projects. *Front row from left: Rose Marie Puglese, Ruth Walker, State President Charlotte Miller, Benita Brown, Sandra Kelly. Second row: Jen Whitehead, Phyllis Little, Jo Ann Birmingham. Top row: Sherry Taylor, Jackie Utley, Pat Vincent.*

## John Ogle Chapter

State President Charlotte Miller presented the program and installed the 2011-2013 officers of the John Ogle Chapter on November 28 at the Sevier County King Family Library. Due to a key problem, the group met in front of the library and had wonderful tailgate refreshments! New President Beth Freeman is a descendant of John Ogle, the chapter's namesake.



### LOST & FOUND

Did you lose a camera at the Summer Board of Management meeting? If you did, please contact Pat Taylor at the Manchester Convention Center at 931-723-8283.

### National Website

<http://www.colonialdames17c.org/>

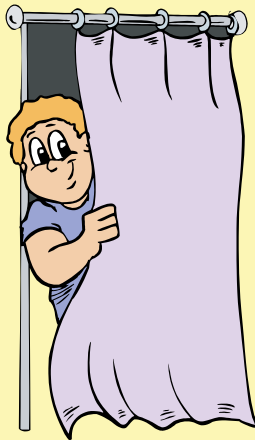
Log in to "Members Only" to download Forms and Documents. **USERNAME** and **PASSWORD** are **required**. Contact State President Charlotte Miller for this information at:

[tcmille1@yahoo.com](mailto:tcmille1@yahoo.com)

## Nominations for State Offices 2011-2013

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate of officers for the election on March 4, 2011 at the State Conference. The 5 members of the Committee are:

Lynda Williams, Chairman  
Jo Ann Birmingham  
Janie Haynes  
Aline Roberts  
Beverly Wood



The Committee received endorsement letters for each candidate, and the committee checked the qualifications to be sure each candidate was eligible to hold a State office. Please read Article VI in the Bylaws (State Society Yearbook - pages 129-130) for additional information concerning the election of officers. We appreciate the following members who are willing to serve the State Society for the next two years:

**President** - Benita Brown (John Madison)  
**1st Vice President** - Linda Joy Harris (Chucaqua)  
**2nd Vice President** - Lynda Logan (Clarendon)  
**Chaplain** - Sue Mercer Thompson (Natchez Trace)  
**Corresponding Secretary** - Lynda Williams (Captain Thomas Carter)  
**Recording Secretary** - Carolyn Christian Martin (Clarendon)  
**Org. State Secretary** - Phyllis Little (John Madison)  
**Treasurer** - Geraldine Canady Sykes (Captain Charles Barham)  
**Registrar** - Joy Norwood Bland (Captain Charles Barham)  
**Historian** - Lee Levy (Prudhomme Fort)  
**Librarian** - Shirley Hall (Captain Thomas Carter)

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## Announcements from the National Society

National Defense Chairman Carolyn Monser Kraft has prepared a National Defense Newsletter regarding TSA Airport Security. It is located in the "Members Only" section of the NSCDXVIIC website ([www.colonialdames17c.org](http://www.colonialdames17c.org)) under Advisories or can be emailed to you on request to the State President at: [tcmlle1@yahoo.com](mailto:tcmlle1@yahoo.com)

As new officers are elected for 2011-2013, please forward the Roster of Officers Form and the Roster of Chairmen Form to Corresponding Secretary General Pat Boals. On the Members Only section, these forms are available in a PDF form that can be filled in on the computer.

The following Slate of Officers for the National Society for 2011-2013 has been received from Bea Strattner, the Office Manager of CDXVIIC:

President General: Jan Lockard, NV  
1st Vice President General: Dee DuPuis, CT  
2nd Vice President General: Pat Boals, TN  
3rd Vice President General: Ellen Hinson, NC  
Chaplain General: Nan Ackerman, VA  
Recording Secretary General: Fran Davis, VA  
Corresponding Sec. General: Millicent Jordan, MD  
Organizing Secretary General: Libby McAteer, NC  
Treasurer General: Nancy Cobos, MA  
Registrar General: Pat Horton, MO  
Historian General: Leslie Breaux, LA  
Librarian General: Libby Gramling, LA  
Curator General: Frances Carlton, MS



**The 55th State Conference  
Tennessee Society Colonial Dames XVII Century  
Is hereby called by  
Charlotte Jackson Miller, TN State President**

**Friday, March 4, 2010  
Chattanooga Choo-Choo  
1400 Market Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37402  
(423) 266-5000 or (800) 872-2529**

The room rate is \$89.00 plus tax. Make your room reservations directly with hotel before the **February 8, 2011** deadline and mention "Daughters". After this date, rooms and special group rate will be extended on a space available basis only.

**Directions to Hotel:** Eastbound, take I-24 to 27 North toward Downtown Chattanooga. Take Exit 1, Main Street. Go left on Main Street to Market Street. Turn left on Market Street and the Choo-Choo is on the right. Westbound, take I-24 to Exit 178. Take the **North Market Street** turn, travel six blocks. The Choo-Choo is on the right. More information at [www.choochoo.com](http://www.choochoo.com)

**Schedule of Events (EST)**

<b>Registration</b>	<b>9:00 – 11:00 AM</b>
<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>9:15 – 9:45 AM</b>
<b>Board of Management</b>	<b>9:45 – 11:15 AM</b>
<b>Luncheon</b>	<b>11:30 AM – 1:00 PM</b>
<b>Memorial Service</b>	<b>1:00 – 1:15 PM</b>
<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>1:30 – 3:00 PM</b>

**Hostess Chapter**

Prudhomme Fort Chapter – Mrs. Bernard M. Levy, President  
Luncheon Entrée – Caesar Salad, Monterrey Jack Chicken, Red Velvet Cake  
**Or Vegetarian Platter**

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Clip and Mail – Luncheon and Conference Reservation - **\$25.00**

Deadline for Reservations: February 21, 2010

Make Checks payable to CDXVIIC State Treasurer

Mail to: Mrs. Donald L. Harris, State Treasurer  
4394 Wildflower Lane, Memphis, TN 38125-3067

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate \_\_\_\_\_  
National, State or Chapter Office/Chairmanship \_\_\_\_\_  
Luncheon Entrée – Circle one    Chicken    Vegetarian