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State President's Message



*Benita Brown, President
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A chill is in the air, fall is here, and the holidays are swiftly approaching! This harvest time of year is a time to reflect on the best of what the year has afforded us, and turn our attention to the tasks to come. So it is with our State Society. Two thousand twelve has been a fruitful year for the Tennessee Society. In addition to the our Chapter, State, and National accomplish-

ments of the spring and summer, we are happy to report that the proposed refurbishment of the Tennessee Foyer at National Headquarters has been approved, the purchases have been finalized, and a chest, chairs, and accessories are due to be shipped in the coming weeks. This is a big accomplishment for our State organization, and one that will be enjoyed for many years to come by all of our members.

Another accomplishment is the continuing progress we are making on our Bible Record project, which, as you know, is the collection of family Bible record entries to be donated to our National Society Library for microfilming. Our initial goal of collecting 100 records is about to be reached, thanks to your continued support, hard work, and

diligence! Please keep them coming so that we may reach a new goal of 150 submissions!!!

I have had the great joy of visiting with five of our chapter this fall. Meeting members and seeing first hand the energizing spirit of our chapters has given me a great sense of hope for our State organization in the coming years. I am most grateful for the all of the hospitality shown to me as I have visited across the state.

We were thrilled to learn that the Reverend Henry Smith chapter has had their request to mark Davies Plantation in Memphis approved. What a wonderful site to be showcased as an important Tennessee landmark!

As the holidays approach, so too do our upcoming reports and deadlines. Please reference your online packet for pertinent forms and dates. Updates to that packet are made by our National Society as they become effective, so the only way to be sure that forms, officers, chairmen, addresses, and dates are current is to consult the website for the latest packet. And, please always remember that ALL contributions, dues, and monies of any kind MUST be sent through our State Treasurer, Geraldine Sykes.

I would like to wish each of you our members and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, a joyous Christmas Season, and the very best life has to offer in the coming New Year.

Benita Kerr Brown



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CDXVIIC Website Links

National: www.colonialdames17c.org

Tennessee State Society: www.rootsweb.com/~tncd17c/

Captain Charles Barham Chapter



Seated: Second Vice President General Pat Boals, State President Benita Brown, Chapter President Joy Bland. Back Row: Mary Ann Claxton, Jennie Whitehead, Janice Webb, Suzanne Richter, Geraldine Sykes, Beverly Wood, Stephanie Tayloe, Val Routon and Berdie Maie Foy.

Captain Charles Barham Chapter Colonial Dames XVII Century of Paris held their annual auction at the September meeting. Six hundred fifty dollars was raised to help with the new chapter scholarship. Members Suzanne Richter, Stephanie Tayloe and Beverly Wood serve on the scholarship committee. The chapter was honored to have State President Benita Brown visit and bring greetings from the state. She stressed the importance of increasing membership to having an active chapter and society. A report on the plans to update the Tennessee Foyer at the National Headquarters was given.

The Clarendon Chapter met on November 1st at the Parthenon Restaurant in Murfreesboro. Tom Caghlán, of Columbia, Tennessee presented the program, “Maryland Genealogy.” He brought 6 books of interest for everyone to look at and see if they had an ancestor from that area.

Pictured (L-R): President Blanche Pearson, Guest Speaker Tom Caghlán, and Honorary TN State President Aline Roberts at the November meeting.



Clarendon Chapter



The Clarendon Chapter was honored to welcome our State President, Mrs. Benita Brown to our Sept. 6th meeting. President Brown gave a wonderful Powerpoint presentation on the work of the Tennessee State Society and her State Projects. The meeting was held at the Parthenon Restaurant in Murfreesboro.

Pictured: State President Benita Brown and Blanche Pearson, President Clarendon Chapter.



First Row (L-R): Mary Ann Karnes, Blanche Pearson, Benita Brown, Janie York. Second Row: Eleana McCoy, Teresa Deathridge, Nancy Coghlan, Doris Mason. Third Row: Faye Henson, Patricia Junkin, Betty Bradey, Marie Eubanks and Lynda Logan



The Pride of Tennessee Print



The Pride of Tennessee print which hung in the Tennessee Room at our National Headquarters prior to the presentation of the Iris Painting has been returned to our State Society, and per Board of Management's decision will be sold at silent auction. This will give every Dame a chance to own this signed and numbered (#1162/15000) Bicentennial print by Tennessee artist in residence, Michael Sloan. The print which depicts famous Tennesseans would be a wonderful focal point for the home of any lover of Tennessee history.

The guidelines for the Silent Auction are as follows:

- Starting bid of \$200.00
- Bids will be taken in \$25.00 increments.
- Bids will be sent by e-mail, post, or hand delivered to the State Treasurer, Geraldine Sykes.
- Bids will be accepted until the end of registration at the 2013 State Conference.
- The winning bid will be announced at the end of the 2013 State Conference.
- All bids will be noted with the date and time it is received by the Treasurer.
- The top bid first received will be the winning bid.

At this publication date, no bids have been received! Please send your bids to our State Treasurer Geraldine Sykes. This limited edition print would make a distinguished addition to any home, office, or library. Please give consideration to making a gift of this beautiful signed, numbered, and framed print to your local library, or community center. This could be a chapter project, and a way to celebrate our Society's 100th Birthday by celebrating our State history as well.

Bible Records Project Exciting News!

We are now nearing our initial goal of collecting 100 copies of original old family Bible Records to submit to our National CDXVIIC Library! Please keep them coming!! We want to increase our goal to 150, and can reach this new number with your help. They will be microfilmed for present and future generations to use in genealogical research. They DO NOT have to be of your own family. Libraries and archives are wonderful repositories of these records which may be copied and submitted!!

These must be copies of the original entries, not transcriptions. Please include photocopies of the title page, as well as each family entry. This is a State President's Project. Mail photocopies to:

Mrs. L. Gene Gustafson
8348 Rosemark Road
Rosemark, TN 38053-5724

PLEASE REMEMBER! Submit the above mentioned Bible Records with a cover sheet which includes the following information:

- Family name
- Location of family (ex: Madison County, Tennessee)
- Dates included in entries
- Surnames included in record
- Name of person submitting record
- Contact information of person submitting record.

If you have questions you may contact Bettie at:

Bettiegustafson@gmail.com or President Benita Brown at: jbebrown@aeneas.net





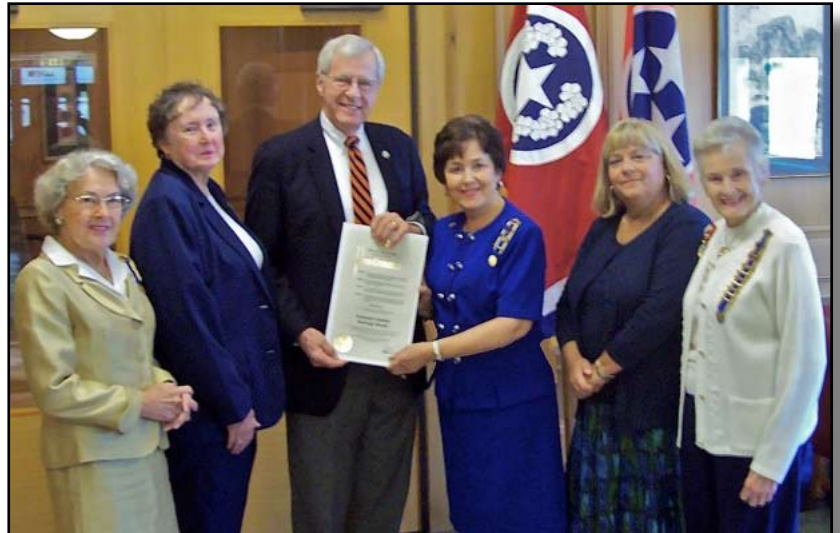
Prudhomme Fort Chapter Supports Medal of Honor Museum

Mr. Wade was the speaker at the spring meeting held at Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club; his presentation included displays of Medals of Honor and the Tennesseans who have been given the highest award (including Chattanooga's Charles H. Coolidge of Signal Mountain, Tennessee).

Left: Pauline Moore, President of Prudhomme Fort Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century presents a certificate and a check to Jim Wade, Executive Director of the Medal of Honor Museum. The check represents support to the upgrades being done at the museum to honor our Veterans who have either 'given all' or possess the prestigious Medal of Honor.

NATIONAL COLONIAL HERITAGE MONTH

Chattanooga Mayor Ron Littlefield presented a Proclamation declaring October as National Heritage Month to **Prudhomme Fort Chapter**, National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century. The Chapter sponsored National Colonial Heritage Month during the month of October to bring to mind the first courageous settlers who arrived in America and determined the direction for the formation of the country. The members of this society, by virtue of their lineal descent from those early arrivals, feel an obligation to work for the preservation of the legacy those early arrivals left to all American citizens.



Pictured (L-R): Past President Lenore Levy, Treasurer Mary Ragan, Mayor Littlefield, President Pauline Moore, Recording Secretary Betty Murray, and Honorary State President LaVonne Jolley.

State Conference

March 8, 2013

Four Points Sheraton Hotel

Brentwood, TN

Host Chapters: Clarendon, John McNitt,
Natchez Trace, Salmon Creek,
and Thomas Lygon

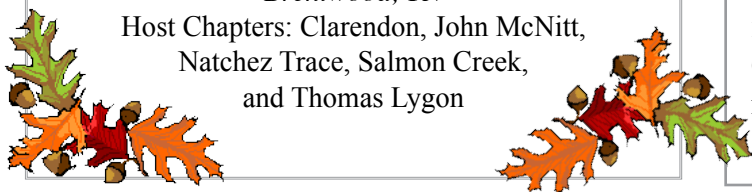
National Website

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

Log in to "Members Only" to download Forms and Documents. **USERNAME and PASSWORD are required.**

Contact State President Benita Brown for this information at:

jbebrown@aeneas.net



Reverend Henry Smith Chapter



The **Reverend Henry Smith Chapter** of the Colonial Dames XVII Century held their fall meeting at the home of Janie Haynes. Lunch was served. The guest speaker, State President Benita Brown from Jackson TN, gave an interesting program on the goals and projects of this administration. After the meeting several members accompanied President Brown to the Quilt Show at the Davies Manor Museum.

Pictured Front Row (L-R): Dianne Greenhill, Chapter President Judy Chaffin, Debra Nimt, State President Benita Brown, Melanie Simmonds, Barbara Parker, Ivy Koster, Janie Haynes. Back: Linda Dinwiddie, Cindy James, Wendy Linz, and Nelly Shearer.

Captain Thomas Carter Chapter

The Chapter met on October 3rd at The Orangery in Knoxville. Vice President Ruth Heizer presided in the absence of President Shirley Hall, who was recuperating from back surgery. Guest speaker, Mr. Ron Jones, presented the program, "Revolution in Crisis." The next meeting will be December 5th with special guest State President Benita Brown.



Pictured: Ruth Heizer and Ron Jones.

State Directory Changes

The new Chaplain for Reverend Henry Smith Chapter:

Debra Nimt
7160 Countryside Road
Memphis, TN 38133-5041

State President's Projects

- * The contribution of copies of original Bible Records to our National Society Library
- * Marking and Preservation of Historic Sites
- * Increase membership
- * Scholarships
- * Refurbishment of the Headquarters Tennessee Room



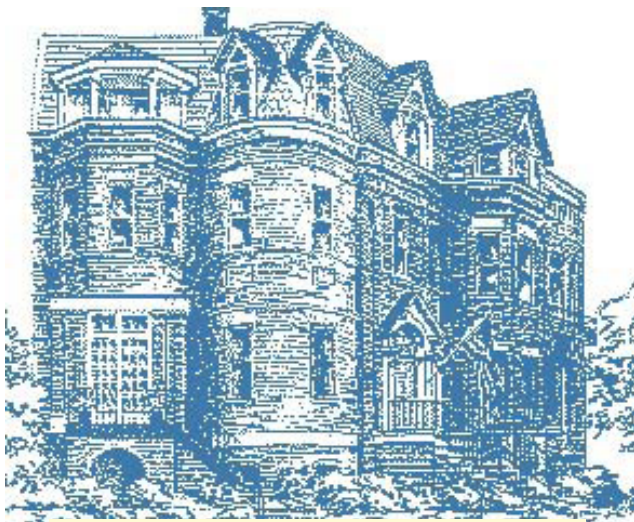
John Madison Chapter

The John Madison Chapter met for the November meeting at the home of Jo Ann Birmingham. A program on the Moravians of North Carolina was presented by Chapter President Phyllis Little. Research resources were on hand for members to examine, and Mrs. Little discussed her first-hand techniques for researching in this area. Chapter members continue to collect copies of family Bible records for submission to the National Library for microfilming.

Iris Painting in Tennessee Room



While on a business trip to Washington, D.C. in October, Kathy Meacham visited the Tennessee Room at National Headquarters to view the Iris Painting by her father, Ted Williams. In addition she and her boyfriend, Greg Webb, enjoyed a guided tour of the State Rooms at National Headquarters.



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Philadelphia, PA 19107
1-800-786-5890

Salmon Creek Chapter

The Salmon Creek Chapter met October 20, 2012, at the Heritage Center in Murfreesboro for a brunch. Special guest for the occasion was Tennessee State President Benita Brown who presented a program on the State Society and the theme for the 2011-2013 administration.

STATE OFFICERS

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