



# THE TENNESSEE DAME

Colonial Dames XVII Century

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## State President's Message



I hope your summer has been pleasant and productive, as it has been for our Tennessee Society.

July 21st was a special occasion for our Society when the Captain Charles Barham dedicated a marker at the Henry County Court House. While this was a joint event with another organization, it marked the 15th historic marking for this hard working chapter.

The August Board of Management Meeting in Brentwood was well attended and was very pro-

ductive. 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 decision will be sold at silent auction.

The Board also voted to refurbish the Tennessee Foyer with appropriate antiques, pending approval by the National Headquarters Decorating Committee.

We are thrilled to report that our Bible Records Project is successful to date with 65 family Bible records submitted. Only 35 more needed to reach our initial goal of 100 submissions. With your diligence, we will meet or exceed that goal.

All of these accomplishments are a reflection of the dedicated members that we the Tennessee Society are so fortunate to boast. At the same time I challenge you to continue to strive to meet the object of our Society by accomplishing the goals of this administration, those being for each chapter to:

- increase membership by 10 per cent.
- contribute copies of original Bible records to our National Society Library
- create or maintain a webpage linked to our State website.
- mark a historic site or grave.
- nominate a qualified student for a scholarship.

I look forward to the remainder of my term serving our State Society, and to collaborating with you all to continue our tradition of achievement in our Tennessee Society as we live up to this administration's theme:

*Honoring Our Heritage      Charting Our Future*

*Lineage ~ Preservation ~ Membership ~ Scholarship*

*Benita Brown, President*  
TSCDXVIIC 2011-2013

### State Conference

**March 8, 2013**

*Four Points Sheraton Hotel  
Brentwood, TN*

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

Editor of *The Tennessee Dame* -- Lynda Williams  
Email: LyndaWill@yahoo.com

**CDXVIIC Website Links**

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

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

## Captain Charles Barham Chapter

Captain Charles Barham Chapter CDXVIIC met June 20th for a luncheon meeting. After the ritual and announcements, Jen Whitehead and Mary Hershey were welcomed as guests.

Among the reports and updates was the report from the 2012 March State Conference stating this chapter won six first place awards: 1. Submission to the national web site; 2. Most books donated to the national library; 3. Most books donated to the local library; 4. Most volunteer library hours; 5. Colonial heritage research; 6. Most new members; 2nd place Veteran Service.

Mary Ann Claxton, Chapter Technology Support Chairman, presented the program on DNA and genealogy research. She and her husband, Tommy, are involved with a project on the Claxton name. She is a very knowledgeable speaker and with her display charts, the DNA study became much clearer to the group. Each member received a booklet describing her program.

Plans were made for the Henry County Court House marking on July 21 and the Summer Board meeting. Suzanne Richter, Stephanie Tayloe and Beverly Wood were appointed to a committee to investigate the feasibility of awarding the chapter's first local scholarship. They will report at the September meeting.



*Mary Ann Claxton, Chapter Technology Support Chairman presented the program in June.*



Beverly Wood, State Chairman of Awards, Gifts and Special Activities, presents the certificate for **2012 Tennessee Dame of the Year** to Joy Bland, Regent of the Captain Charles Barham Chapter at the 2012 State Conference in Jackson. *Pictured above is Joy (left) receiving the certificate from Beverly (right).*

## 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 decision will be sold at silent auc-



tion. This will give every Dame a chance to own this signed and numbered (#1162/15000) 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.

## Bible Records Project Exciting Update!

We have now collected over sixty-five copies of original old family Bible Records to submit to our National CDXVIIC Library. They will be microfilmed for present and future generations to use in genealogical research. Our initial goal is to submit 100. Please keep them coming!! 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](mailto:Bettiegustafson@gmail.com)

or President Benita Brown at:

[jbebrown@aeneas.net](mailto:jbebrown@aeneas.net)



## Corrections to State Directory 2011-2013

CURRENT CHANGES for Prudhomme Fort Chapter

Code: TN 01

JUNE 2012

### OFFICERS:

- EIN Number is incorrect – should be: #62-6079349
- President: Mrs. James O. Moore
- Treasurer: Mrs. Grady A. Ragan, III
- Registrar: Mrs. George R. Hanks

### DECEASED MEMBERS:

BEATTIE, Willie Mae Barker (Mrs. James F. III)

BEENE, Nora Francis Patsy Barker (Mrs. Lemuel Phillip)

NELSON, Bernice Hill (Mrs. David Eugene, Jr.)

### NEW MEMBER:

MARVIL, Carolyn Beyer, 4521 Summit Drive, Chatt., TN  
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### EMAIL & NAME CHANGES

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- JONES, L. Ruth (Mrs. Burl W.)  
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### ELECTION of STATE OFFICERS State Conference on March 8, 2013

#### Notice from the The Nominating Committee

The Committee must receive endorsement letters for each candidate from their chapter. Qualifications to hold a State office are listed in Article VI of the By-laws (State Society Yearbook - pages 122-126).

Send to Chairman: Jennie Whitehead

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Big Sandy, TN 38221-0125

Email: [jenw60@bellsouth.net](mailto:jenw60@bellsouth.net)

### 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](mailto:jbebrown@aeneas.net)

## Thomas Lygon Chapter

The Thomas Lygon Chapter observed its 25th Anniversary on May 12, 2012, at the Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin, Tennessee. Mrs. J. Leith Potter, our organizing president, was our special guest.

Mrs. Dorothy Potter organized the Chapter on September 27, 1986 at the University Club on the Vanderbilt campus in Nashville. Of the twenty-four charter members who signed the charter on March 14, 1987, five are still active. Eight of the charter members are descendants of Thomas Lygon and his wife, Mary Harris, both of Virginia.

Dorothy and her daughter, Carol P. Cahill, traveled from Alabama to participate in this special celebration. Twenty-two members and eight guests found Dorothy's presentation about White House China to be delightful. For many of our members this was our first opportunity to meet our founder and two-term president (1986-1989 & 1997-1999). We found her to be a warm and gracious lady, and we are proud to be part of her legacy of service to our chapter, the state and National Society.



*LEFT: Dorothy Potter and Betty Barber admire the colonial lady on the delicious cake. ABOVE: Deborah N. Percy, Carol G. Moss, Lynn Garrett-Moss, Dorothy W. Potter and Carol P. Cahill are charter members of Thomas Lygon Chapter.*



*Seven ladies who have served as chapter president were present for the 25th Celebration. They are current president, Betty H. Barber (2011-2013), Johnnia H. Elkins (2009-2011), Sue Groves (2003-2005), Rebecca King (2001-2003), Helen Winsett (1999-2001), Deborah Peercy (1991-1993), and Dorothy W. Potter (1986-1989 & 1997-1999).*

## Laura Bales To Serve as State Historian

**Laura Bales** of the John Ogle Chapter will serve the remaining term as State Historian following the resignation of Lenore Levy. The Executive Board filled the vacancy as prescribed by the State Bylaws. We welcome Laura who has served in several capacities at the State level in numerous administrations.

## October Proclamation

Included in this newsletter is the October Colonial Heritage Month Proclamation form. Each chapter should fill out, take to town's Mayor to proclaim October as Colonial Heritage Month, take pictures, put in local newspaper. May inspire new members! For additional info on Colonial Heritage, Research & Records. see pp. 77-78 in the "2011-2013 Goldenrod Directory" or check with your State Chairman, Bettie Gustafson at:

*bettiegustafson@gmail.com*

## Henry County Courthouse Historical Marker Dedication on July 21, 2012

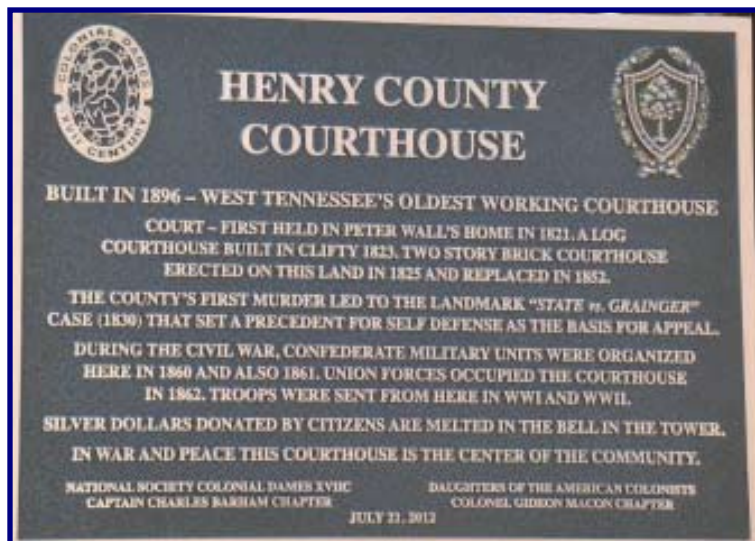
HENRY COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE



RECEPTION INSIDE  
THE  
COURTHOUSE



For more information, see the chapter website at:  
[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tncbcd17/pictureshccourthouse.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tncbcd17/pictureshccourthouse.html)



HISTORICAL MARKER



MEMBERS OF THE CAPTAIN  
CHARLES BARHAM CHAPTER

### John Madison Chapter

The John Madison Chapter was treated to a luncheon at the home of Barbara Stegall in May. A very interesting program was presented on Colonial Militia by Dennis Ward, Jr., who is a distinguished expert on Military History.

Our August meeting focused on the State President's Project of submitting copies original Bible records to the National Library for microfilming. The chapter members have now collected forty-seven Bible records. Three members, Benita Brown, Phyllis Little, and Jennie Whitehead, represented our Chapter at the August Board of Management meeting in Brentwood.



*Pictured (L-R): Phyllis Little, Jennie Whitehead, and State President Benita Brown.*

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century of \_\_\_\_\_ is locally sponsoring **National Colonial Heritage Month** during the month of October 2011; and

WHEREAS, **National Colonial Heritage Month** brings to mind the first courageous settlers who arrived in America and who determined the direction for the formation of our country; and

WHEREAS, 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 priceless legacy that these early arrivals left to all American citizens; and

WHEREAS, they continue to convey the true meaning of the inheritance by reminding us that our privilege to live in a free country has stemmed from “loving our country, obeying its laws, respecting its flag and defending it against all enemies”

NOW THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2011, AS

## NATIONAL COLONIAL HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of \_\_\_\_\_ and encourage all Citizens of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ to observe this month as a means of reinforcing the priceless legacy that we inherit with our citizenship, in order to help preserve our rich culture and heritage with deep respect for the principles upon which our great country was founded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ to be affixed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2011

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR