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# National Society Daughters of the American Colonists Colonel Gideon Macon Chapter TSSDAC

Fall 2012

**\*The Chapter** met for the third meeting of 2012 at Tom's Pizza and Steak House in Paris on Sept. 8 at 11:00 a.m. Chaplain Janice Webb gave the devotional followed by our patriotic ritual.

**\*Mary Ann Claxton** gave the National Defense message - a warning that we cannot assume that everything we read is fact. When President Obama signed an executive order titled "National Defense Resources Preparedness," presidential detractors said it set the President up with complete control over the economy. In reality, however, it basically duplicated executive orders signed by Presidents since the Korean War. So the order which appeared, on the surface, to be a "coup" is actually what would be expected of the President in the event of a national emergency.

**\*This was** followed by reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Secretary Berdie Maie Foy and the Treasurer's report by Treasurer Beverly Wood, both of which were accepted by the membership as correct.

**\*The first item** of new business was passing of a motion that the Chapter pay the \$5.00 fee for pictures sent in to the Colonial Courier.

**\*Next Regent** Bland said that we had again been invited to assist in hosting a Christmas Tea at the home of Stephanie Tayloe on Saturday, December 15. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously that we should participate. This is always a highlight of our year with delicious food and the beautiful decorations that Stephanie puts up in her home.

**\*At right:** Beverly Wood and Pat Boals were recognized as the only two charter members still in the chapter.

**Meeting location change:** the November meeting will be at Ryan's Steakhouse in Union City. The speaker is expected to be the Captain of the local National Guard Unit, just returned with the unit from Afghanistan.



During the Summer Board meeting National Historian Linda Dean (pictured 2nd from right above with other members of the Clay Lick Chapter) announced that her project for her three year term was to get members to write "How I wound up here" -

these should start with the colonial ancestor on whom you entered DAC and descend through all your ancestors of that line to you and where you are currently. This is going to be a very interesting project as it is looking at the migrations of not just our colonial ancestors but their descendants as well.



**\*At left:** members attending the fall meeting: Standing L to R: Mary Ann Claxton, Historian, Janice Webb Chaplain, Berdie Maie Foy, Secretary, Beverly Wood, Treasurer, and Stephanie Tayloe, Librarian; Seated:

Pat Boals, Registrar and Joy Bland Regent.

**\*At right: Chapter Librarian**

Stephanie Tayloe presented a very interesting program on early governors of Virginia and particularly on the House of Burgesses which was the first governing body in the colonies, holding its first meeting 30 JUL 1619. A Burgess was an elected official and the government was based on English law which in turn was based on Roman law. So our TN government - which was patterned after the VA form - also goes back to Roman law.



## STATE SUMMER BOARD MEETING

Aug. 16, 2012 at Four Points Sheraton, Brentwood, TN

**\*Summer Board** business included details about the State Regent's Project which is to fund at least 3 scholarships - one each year of her term in the TN grand division in which the state meeting is held for that year. Applications for the scholarships are available from chapter regents.

**\*Also included** in business was approval of the audit committee's report, and awards to Capt. Thomas Jameson and Middle Plantation Chapters for donations to the State Regent's Project. Regent Harmon announced a contest to name the new state newsletter (one word title suggested). To enter, submit your suggestion for the name of the state newsletter to Regent Harmon or State Historian Lynda Williams by the end of February, 2013; winning name will be announced at the State Assembly in March, 2013.

**\*Another State** Regent's project announced by Regent Harmon is collecting ancestor stories for compilation into a state book which would be available for members to have for a small donation. Please send stories to Corresponding Secretary Mary Ann Claxton. We are requesting that members send a copy of the story (or stories) that they sent to the National Historian's Project over the last 3 years **as well as any other stories** they have on their ancestors - these new stories do not have to be on colonial ancestors but may be other family stories as well. [Note: Mary Ann already has the Col. Gideon Macon Chapter stories that were turned in for the National Historian's Project; Chapter members need only send new stories.] Deadline for submission for stories for the first volume is December 31, 2012 so that the books can be ready by State Assembly in March. A second and, hopefully, a third volume would be created with stories sent in after this year.





Above: Col. Gideon Macon Chapter members at State Summer Board Meeting: Jo Ann Birmingham who presented an excellent program on British records for colonial research, prospective member Jen Whitehead who assisted with the silent auction, Joan Harmon, state Regent, Joy Bland chapter Regent, Beverly Wood state Parliamentarian and chapter Treasurer, Mary Ann Claxton state Corresponding Secretary & chapter Historian, and Aline Roberts chapter First Vice Regent.



The meeting concluded with a presentation by Col. Gideon Macon Chapter member Jo Ann Birmingham (pictured at left) on "British Records for Colonial Research." As Jo Ann has made several trips to Great Britain (and is planning another one shortly), she is an excellent source, noting that once you have identified the surname, looking in the PCC (and PCY)

Wills and in the Visitations are good places to start; many books and indexes have now been placed on the Internet, so that is a good place to look as well.



**Chapter Note:** State Directories: New TSSDAC Triennial Directories were handed out to members present at the chapter meeting. For those not present, books will be coming to you. Corrections for the directories were noted and copies of the corrections will be sent by e-mail and as an extra sheet with newsletters that are mailed.

**SPECIAL EVENT!**

Dedication of the Henry County, TN Courthouse Historical Marker, July 21, 2012

Joint effort of Col. Gideon Macon Chapter TN State Society Daughters of the American Colonists and Capt. Charles Barham Chapter Colonial Dames XVII Century



A crowd of about 50 people watch the ceremonies leading up to the dedication of the marker.



Aline Roberts, Hon. State President CDXVIIC (at left) and Janice Webb Chapter Historical Landmarks Chairman for Col. Gideon Macon Chapter DAC (center) as Henry County Mayor Brent Greer accepts the marker for the county.



Above, County Historian David Webb presenting an excellent history of the courthouse. Below, Unveiling the marker.



Click on the image at left for more pictures of the dedication.



Click on the image at left for pictures of the program.



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