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

Summer 2013

Our June meeting of 2013 was called to order by Chapter First Vice Regent Aline Roberts at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 8 at Tom's Pizza and Steak House in Paris. We started late hoping that more people would be able to come, but illness, conflicting meetings and other personal issues kept our attendance down to 5 members and Nell Garret who was a guest of Mary Whayne Miles.



Treasurer Beverly Wood gave the invocation followed by our ritual. Vice Regent Roberts welcomed our guest, and Hon.

State Regent Mary Whayne Miles read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. Treasurer Beverly Wood gave her report and reminded everyone that dues should be paid soon as the date for having our dues in to National has been moved up to September. Vice Regent Roberts noted that the State Board meeting has been set for August 22 at the Hotel Preston in Nashville. She then asked for a report on the state meeting which was given by Historian Mary Ann Claxton. She pointed out that the main items of business at the state meeting were:

1. Chapter assessments for the state meeting were changed to be \$20.00 for all chapters, replacing the sliding scale that had been in effect;
 2. The Property Management Policy that had been put into effect in 2011 was updated
 3. The reference in the Standing Rules section 1.d. about corsages for visiting dignitaries was changed to leave the decision up to the host chapter.
 4. State First Vice Regent Charlotte Miller announced that the name for the state newsletter is to be *The Colonist* – the name suggested by Faye Henson.
- At the candlelight dinner, the guest speaker was Ms. Carol Swindon, State Women Veterans Coordinator who gave an interesting and informative review of services provided to our female veterans.

Also at the candlelight dinner it was announced that the State Regent's Scholarship Project is now completely

funded and the first of the project scholarships were awarded. These Middle TN recipients were: Mrs. Jean Brown Hickerson who is working on a Master's degree in Business Administration at Strayer University, and Ms. Catherine Anne Walton a senior at Harpeth Hall School who will be attending Wofford College in the fall. There was no report on General Assembly as we did not have any members who were able to attend, however Chapter Historian Claxton did report that the chapter history book placed first at State Assembly and second at National Assembly.

Chapter Vice Regent Roberts then reported on the ROTC Award that was presented by our chapter to Cadet Mary



Hart from Dyersburg. The ROTC medal is presented each year to an outstanding female cadet who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, has a B or above in military science and participates actively in campus activities.

Mary is a health physics major at the University of Tennessee at Martin and will receive her commission as a second lieutenant May 16th this year. She will serve on active duty in the Adjutant General Corps.

We are all very proud of Mary and wish her all the best as she begins her military career.

MEETING PROGRAM

The program for the meeting was presented by Mary Ann Claxton and was titled "F. M. Hastings – a Research Practicum."

Members present were given a handout with questions relative to a Henry County resident named F. M. Hastings. Their



objective was to determine – using the census, marriage, birth and death records that Mary Ann had brought – what his name was, whom he married, the names of his children and their spouses. Due to the number of people present, this became a group discussion rather than a hands-on activity and presented a variety of sources available for Henry County research. Stephanie Tayloe added that there are 236 books on Henry County records in the Henry County library making it one of the better libraries as far as compiling and indexing local records.

Following Mary Ann's program, our meal was served and the meeting was adjourned

REMINDERS!

DUES! DUES! DUES ARE DUE!

Chapter Treasurer Beverly Wood reminds everyone that dues are due NOW! National has changed the deadline for getting dues in – it is now Oct. 30 – so we will need to have our dues turned in NO LATER THAN our Sept. meeting! The amount is \$30.00 for dues and \$7.00 for the *Colonial Courier* subscription.

ANCESTOR STORIES

Our State Regent Joan Harmon announced as one of her State Regent Projects collecting ancestor stories for compilation into a state book which would be available for members to have for a small donation. We are still needing stories for this project. Please send stories to Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton. The stories that were contributed by our chapter over the last three years to the National Historian's Project, have already been printed in the first volume of stories. Those are available for a donation to the Regent's Project fund; contact Chapter Historian Claxton to get one. But Joan has opened her project to ANY ancestor – not just a colonial ancestor. So there are still stories out there for you to write! And if you know of anyone OUTSIDE our chapter who contributed stories to the national project, please contact them and be sure they get their stories included in the next volume.

Also, don't forget that the new **National Historian's Project** is to tell "How I wound up here." This should be a migration story starting with your ancestor on whom your DAC membership is based and telling about each generation - where they were and where they wound up (if they moved), ending with you and how you got where you are today. You were all so very good about turning in your ancestor stories, I know we will have a good representation on this project as well. Again, these are histories that we need to be documenting for future generations. Send yours to Mary Ann Claxton, Chapter Historian. Deadline for turning in to national is Feb. 1, 2015, but we need to have them in well before that.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 22, 2013 – Summer Board, Hotel Preston, Nashville
Sept. 14, 2013 – Next Chapter meeting – 11:00 at Tom's Pizza & Steak House in Paris

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

On Feb. 25, 2013 our chapter presented certificates to Ron Watkins (at left in picture), director of the Henry Co.



Recycling Center, and Darlene Butler (center) center employee for their efforts in saving stamps for us for the Stamps for the Wounded project. Darlene

was instrumental in passing the word to workers who sort the paper at the center, getting them to save the stamps as they are sorting. Also pictured are Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton (second from left), Suzanne Richter second from right, and Chapter Regent Joy Bland at right.

Pictured at right is Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton with Recycling Center employee Wendell Matthews who also received a certificate from the Chapter for his dedication and hard work in saving stamps and - as Darlene had done - passing the word to other workers to also save the stamps.



Pictured at left is Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton with Darlene Butler and Wendell Matthews who holds a box filled with cancelled stamps that had been brought in to the Recycling

Center as a result of the newspaper article about the certificates that were presented on Feb. 25. The stamps weighed 4 pounds!! And they were sent immediately to the Stamps for the Wounded program so, hopefully, they would be quickly available to veterans.



IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. F. Parnell (Anna Lewis DeBow) Garrigan
National Number 16948
Nov 21, 1920 - Feb. 7, 2013