



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

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Spring 2014

82nd STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN ALCOA, TN

The Airport Hilton in Alcoa, TN was the site of the TSSDAC State Assembly 5 MAR 2014. Special guest was NSDAC National President Carole Rambo Holt who spoke at the Candlelight Supper, informing us of the history of St. Mary's City in MD and the educational pavilion there that is the Regent's Project for her term of office.

Much business was conducted including the ratification of Linda Mansur as Second Vice Regent which then allowed her to be moved to the First Vice Regent position which was vacated when Charlotte Miller became Regent at the resignation of Regent Joan Harmon due to health reasons. Cindy Waters was appointed Second Vice Regent Pro Tem for the remainder of this term.



At left: Hon. State Regent and Chapter First Vice Regent Aline Roberts, State Corresponding Secretary and Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton, Hon. State Regent Gail Holman, State Regent Charlotte Miller, National President Carole Rambo Holt, and National Historian and Hon. State Regent Linda Dean.

Below left: State Regent's Project Scholarship winners Austin James Hall and Cheyenne Elizabeth Miller stand with Scholarship Project Chairman Dr. Mary James and State Regent Charlotte Miller (Cheyenne's grandmother).

Below right: State Regent Charlotte Miller, National President Carole Rambo Holt, National Historian and Hon. State Regent Linda Dean, Hon. State Regent Aline Roberts and state officers in receiving line prior to the Candlelight Dinner.



"CURSES! FOILED AGAIN!"

Weather has been an issue for our area all this winter with three major winter storms and some very very cold temperatures in between. The weather was to blame in the cancellation of our February meeting.



FREE PEDIGREE CHART FORM POSTED

I have been frustrated recently in trying to find free pedigree chart forms which could be filled out online and then saved to my computer. Sites let you fill out the form, but, though you can print it out, you can't save it, or they want money to let you save it. So I have created a 5 generation pedigree chart form in MS Word which you can download from this site, save to your computer, and use as many times as you want to. Blanks are provided in the form where you can type in the information - just like on other online forms - but you can save this to your computer, and even print out a blank form if you need to. The link to the form is:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tncgmdac/website/pedigreeformblank.doc> If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at [claxtonm\(at\)beasleywireless.net](mailto:claxtonm@beasleywireless.net) (remember to use the (@) symbol in place of the at in the above address).

Colonial Youth in the American Frontier - Program Presented

On Monday, Nov. 18 and Thursday Nov. 21, Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton presented the program "Colonial Youth in the American Frontier" to 4th grade students in Lakewood and Henry Schools. About 130 students saw a PowerPoint presentation and played games and handled artifacts provided in Tennessee's Colonial Education Kit which was put together by the previous National Chairman of the Patriotic Education Committee. One of the highlights of the class was when students got to try their hand at writing with a goose quill pen and found it was not as easy as it looked. Two of the more surprising revelations for students was the weight of a musket ball and the softness of the fur of various animals which was included in the display. At right students model colonial clothing: a frontier work shirt with tricorne hat, a more formal shirt, vest and pants, and a girl's dress with apron and mob cap. At left center a student holds the cup-and-ball game that students also got to try out.



DECEMBER TEA

On Saturday, December 14, 2013, DAC members joined those of other societies in Henry County to assist member Stephanie Routon Tayloe and her mother Val Routon in hosting a tea at their beautiful home on Dunlap Street in Paris. Stephanie had decorated the house for Christmas with incredibly beautiful Christmas trees and other decorations throughout the house. Delicious finger foods were provided by members of the various societies to complement the delicious cakes provided by Stephanie. Pictured at left next to the patriotic theme Christmas tree are Col. Gideon Macon Chapter members: (seated) Berdie Maie Foy, Geraldine Sykes, Pat Boals, Joy Bland, and Stephanie; (standing) Aline Roberts and Mary Ann Claxton. We extend our sincere thanks to Stephanie and Val for all the hard work that went into decorating the house and for their gracious invitation to share the beauty with so many others.



REMINDERS

The 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.

Also don't forget that one of our State Regent's Projects is collecting ancestor stories for compilation into a state book which would be available for members to have for a small donation. We are now needing stories for volume 3 of this project! Please send stories to Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton. Mary Ann says that she has all of the stories that were contributed by our chapter over the last three years to the National Historian's Project, 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! We have sold 26 copies of the first volume and 12 copies of the second volume. We are going to try to assemble a third volume and possibly include an index for all three volumes in volume 3. If you would like to have a copy of either of the first two volumes, contact Mary Ann.

PLAN AHEAD: Next meeting is Saturday, June 14 (Flag Day!) 11:00 at Tom's Pizza & Steak House in Paris.