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Summer 2014



Above, Chapter Regent Joy Bland and Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton look at one of the books Mary Ann brought to show different types of archival safe plastic sleeves.

CHAPTER MEETING JUNE 14, 2014

The June meeting was called to order by Regent Joy Bland. In attendance were 4 members and two members-in-waiting (their papers have been filed and we are awaiting their approval); illness and community events kept several members from attending. We wish those with illness a speedy recovery and hope to see everyone up and about for the September meeting.

In the absence of our chaplain, Joy opened the meeting with a prayer and then Chapter First Vice Regent Aline Roberts led us in the ritual.

Joy noted that our last meeting was in November - our February meeting having been cancelled due to snow. Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Beverly Wood presented the treasurer's report. She noted that we had \$200.00 which was earmarked for use for veterans which had not been spent at Christmas as it was not needed at that time. She said that the TN State Veterans' Home in Humboldt had expressed a need for hard back, large print Bibles. Beverly then made a motion that we use the \$200 to buy as many Bibles as we could and have them sent to the home; she said she thought she could get some for about \$20.00. Chapter Historian, Mary Ann Claxton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to get all that she could with the \$200.

Joy then read a note from the Veterans' Home which she received in December thanking the chapter for the gifts that were sent at Christmas.

Mary Ann then presented the National Defense message, quoting from a 1986 news article about the reduction of domestic steel production - and the resulting loss of jobs - and the increased import of steel. The article said that reduced domestic steel production could leave us in a vulnerable position should the overseas sources be interrupted. Mary Ann continued, presenting an article posted yesterday which indicated that not only had the previous warning been ignored, but we are now heavily relying on imports from China, South Korea and India. The question is: will these sources continue to provide materials to us in the event of a world crisis, or if they decide they don't like something that we have done? And consequently where will that leave our national defense without those supplies?

The National Defense message was followed by the registrar's report given by Joy. She said that papers had been filed for our two visitors, Frances Spellman and Barbara Smotherman, and we are just awaiting approval which we hope will come soon.

Next was discussion about Summer Board. Mary Ann and Aline said that they would be going and Joy said she would have to wait until closer to time, but she was planning on going.

Mary Ann then presented the program entitled, "Records Preservation: Keeping our heritage for future generations." She noted that the only real rule in document preservation is "Don't do anything that you can't undo." And topping the list of don'ts was "Tape." There was a general murmur of disbelief from the group, but Mary Ann showed an old family picture with marks on it where it had been taped previously. She said that in preservation you have to understand that we deal with chemistry: what effect does the composition of one item have on the composition of another? Some effects we can't predict, but some we can, and tape and glue are some that we know to be harmful, even the glue on sticky notes is not good. Other points in the presentation included:

- Use archival safe materials - for printing and storing

- Use UV filtered glass in frames

- Make sure photos and art do not touch the glass

- Plastic sleeves and picture holders should be

- "chemically neutral" - contain no pvc

- You should store like things together, especially like sizes - disparity in sizes can cause larger items to bend when pressed against shorter or smaller items.

Lunch was served while Mary Ann was still presenting the program, so when the program was over, Joy declared the meeting adjourned.



ROTC AWARD PRESENTED

On April 24, 2014 the United States Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Dining Out & Awards Ceremony was held in the Russell Duncan Ballroom of the Boling University Center, University of Tennessee at Martin. Pictured at right are Hon. State Regent and Chapter First Vice Regent Aline Roberts and Cadet Kelly James who received the DAC ROTC certificate and medal from our chapter. Kelly is a health and human performance major from Brookeville, Maryland. She is a Three Year Army ROTC Scholarship Cadet and a member of the UT Martin Rifle Team. We congratulate Kelly and wish her all the best.



ANCESTRY.COM ABANDONS TWO DNA TESTS

An announcement on June 4, 2014, by Ancestry.com V.P. Eric Shoup may contain some information which will affect you. This is an excerpt from his announcement. The whole announcement can be found on Ancestry's blog at this link:

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2014/06/04/ancestry-com-focuses-on-core-offerings>

"We're always looking to focus our efforts in a way that provide[s] the most impact, while also delivering the best service and best product experience to users. To that end, we've decided to retire some of our services: MyFamily, MyCanvas, Genealogy.com, Mundia and the Y-DNA and mtDNA tests.

We will note that the AncestryDNA (autosomal) test will continue to be available for purchase. Only the y-DNA and mtDNA tests will be retired.

Starting September 5, 2014, these services will no longer be available to access. Genealogy.com is the exception to the rule, and will continue in a slightly different form."

Be aware that when they say the DNA service is not available, this also means if you have results with them from a test that you had done, you need to get your results moved to another DNA company if you want to keep the results available. If you do have results with them, you should receive an e-mail telling you this and suggesting what you need to do.

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.

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(at)beasleywireless.net) (remember to use the (@) symbol in place of the at in the above address).



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, Sept. 13 at 11:00 at Tom's Pizza & Steak House in Paris.