



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

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WEATHER AGAIN CANCELS FEBRUARY MEETING

For the second year in a row, a combination of circumstances caused cancellation of our February meeting. Initially scheduled for Feb. 14, Tom's Pizza and Steak House did not want to commit such a large space to so few people on a day when they expected to have extra business, so our meeting was rescheduled to the following Saturday, Feb. 21. And, of course, Winter Storm Pandora arrived with ice and snow which cancelled our rescheduled meeting. The necessary business of the meeting - election of officers for 2015-2018 - was conducted via e-mail as results had to be in before State Assembly on March 6. New officers elected were: Regent Geraldine Sykes, First Vice Regent Aline Roberts, Chaplain Joy Bland, Recording Secretary Pat Boals, Registrar Mary Ann Claxton, Treasurer Beverly Wood, Historian Berdie Maie Foy, and Librarian Stephanie Tayloe. These officers will be installed at the June meeting.

ATTENDANCE AT 83rd STATE ASSEMBLY IN CHATTANOOGA AFFECTED BY WEATHER ALSO

Winter storm Thor was predicted to hit the state March 6 and 7 which it did. Since State Assembly was on March 6, some people were concerned about travel and did not come. As it turned out, the storm dumped up to a foot of ice and snow on Henry and surrounding counties and most other counties to some extent, shutting down schools and mail service. But the storm stopped at Monteagle and left Chattanooga cold but dry. However, once our meetings were over, members found that travel back home was being discouraged. The Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel was accommodating, finding rooms for those who had planned to leave and extending them the conference rate for the extra night. See article below for meeting summary.



NEW STATE OFFICERS FOR 2015-2018

Above, Blue Ridge Section Vice President Mary Johnson installs newly elected officers at Candlelight Dinner on March 6, 2015. Officers, from L to R: State Regent Linda Mansur, First Vice Regent Cindy Waters, Chaplain Shirley Hall, Recording Secretary Marilyn Burchett, Corresponding Secretary Bettie Gustafson, Registrar Laura Bales, and Librarian Olivia Chandler. Not pictured Second Vice Regent Kathy Ward and Historian Faye Henson. No treasurer was nominated and that position will be filled by Regent Mansur after her installation in Washington in April.



At left, State Corresponding Secretary and Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton (left) with Blue Ridge Section Vice Regent Mary Johnson (next), State Regent Charlotte Miller, and Honorary State Regent and Chapter First Vice Regent Aline Roberts. Mrs. Johnson spoke at the Candlelight Dinner, presenting a very informative program on colonial flowers and gardens.



The State Assembly business meeting was busy with bylaws changes and officer elections in addition to reports from chapter regents and state committee chairmen. Five bylaws changes were made. the first was to move Article III Members, Section 1.b. under Eligibility to Article III Section 1.a. to match National Bylaws. The second change had two parts, but only one was adopted: this changed the due date for annual dues from December 31 to November 1; this was also to align us with National Bylaws. The third change was Article V. Dues and Fees, Section 3, Fees and it removed the statement of amount of dues for registration for state meetings from the Bylaws and put setting the amount into the Standing Rules; this makes it easier to change fees as the economy changes and state assembly fees go up. In a similar vein, the fourth change was to Article VII, Section 9 regarding the state treasurer's triennial state budget, and it removed specified amounts from the Bylaws and allowed the amounts to be set in the Standing Rules. The final change was to Article IX, Annual Meeting,

Section 1 which originally set the State Assembly in each of the grand divisions on a rotating basis. This is now changed and all state meetings will be held in middle Tennessee as this is easier on members living in the far eastern and western ends of the state, and is less expensive in travel costs for members attending. Hosting of the assembly will still rotate by grand division. Also passed was the motion to change the day of the week for the State Assembly, moving it from Wednesday to Thursday. This was contingent upon a similar change by the Daughters of 1812 to meet on Friday and the Colonial Dames XVII Century to meet on Saturday. These two groups approved their change, so our state meetings will now be on Thursdays.

At right awards for the chapter were accepted from First Vice Regent Linda Mansur (far right) by State Corresponding Secretary and Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton (left) and Honorary State Regent and Chapter First Vice Regent Aline Roberts (center).

Awards received are:

First place chapter scrapbook

First Place in College of the Ozarks Support

First Place - Number of *The Colonial Courier* Subscriptions

Donation of Book to Library: *Bible Records of Henry County, TN*

Completion of Funding, TN State Regent's Scholarship Project, 2012-2015

Beverly Wood - For Consistent and Timely Reporting of Chapter Membership Changes

Mary Ann Claxton - Outstanding Service as State Corresponding Secretary



MEMBERS ATTEND RECEPTION AT CIVIL WAR DISPLAY IN HERITAGE CENTER



At left, chapter librarian Stephanie Tayloe tends the refreshment table at the reception for the Civil War display on loan to the Paris Henry County Heritage Center from the Tennessee State Library and Archives. At right, chapter regent Joy Bland and chapter registrar Pat Boals pause for a picture.



MEMBERS MEET AT PARIS HENRY COUNTY HERITAGE CENTER FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

The annual Christmas Tea which has been held at member Stephanie Tayloe's home was relocated this year to the Paris Henry County Heritage Center where members enjoyed the Festival of Trees display and a delicious variety of finger foods washed down with a delicious punch. At right members in attendance stand in front of the Poinsettia tree which was decorated with live poinsettia plants. Over 20 trees and several Christmas displays were on view throughout the building - rounding every corner led to another beautiful tree or arrangement.



The *Stories of our Ancestors* State Regent's Project is now completed. We have sold 29 copies of the first volume, 19 copies of the second volume, and 10 copies of the third volume. Though volume three has only 4 stories, it includes an index for all three volumes. For copies of any of these volumes contact Mary Ann. At this time we have 5 more copies of volume 3 and if there are any further orders for all three volumes, those will be bound as one book.

FREE PEDIGREE CHART FORM POSTED

I have been frustrated 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 our 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. Go to the chapter website for the link. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at the Chapter Web Design e-mail link.

PLAN AHEAD: Next meeting is Saturday, June 13 at 11:00 at Tom's Pizza and Steak House in Paris.