



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

Summer 2015

REUNIONS CAUSE SLIGHT MEETING ADJUSTMENT

Due to Tom's having three other large groups scheduled at about the same time, our meeting was moved from the small room to the back of the adjacent large room. We had plenty of space, but as the other groups assembled, it would become difficult to hear. Regent Joy Bland decided to change the order of the meeting putting the installation of officers first with the program next and ritual last and business. This allowed us to assemble and get the officers installed and then we could all sit down and enjoy the program, hopefully before the noise of the other meetings caused problems. At right, Hon. State Regent Pat Boals (far left) installs new officers, left to right: Beverly Wood Treasurer, Mary Ann Claxton Registrar, Frances Spillman Recording Secretary, Joy Bland Chaplain, and Geraldine Sykes Regent. Not pictured are 1st Vice Regent Aline Roberts, Historian Berdie Mae Foy, and Librarian Stephanie Tayloe.



The program was presented by new Chapter Registrar Mary Ann Claxton. The topic was "Digital Imaging: Some Do's and Don'ts for Taking Digital Pictures." In taking any picture we are looking for the "Goldilocks" happy medium of light in the image: not too little, not too much, but just right. One way to do this is by being careful where you aim your camera: aiming at a dark part of your image will give you too much light and aiming at a light part of the image will give you a dark picture. So just aiming at a part of the image that is midway in brightness will give the best picture. Other factors include how wide open you have your lens (f/stops) and how long the shutter remains open. Beyond that, using auto-focus and auto-white balance settings on your camera or phone are the easiest way to get a good photo. Also it is important to know when to back up in order to have the best "depth of field" (having everything from the front to the back of your image in focus). Members who had their cameras or phones with them were encouraged to try out the different features during the presentation.



Members await the beginning of the program. Part of one of the other groups meeting in the room can be seen in the background.

Mary Ann Claxton also reported on the State Assembly which was held at the Chattanooga Choo Choo on March 4. She noted that much of the business was bylaws changes, the main one of which is going to change the pattern of meetings for State Assembly from the current rotation between TN Grand Divisions to a central location in Middle TN. It was noted that the difficulties of travel to the extreme ends of the state cuts down on attendance. Hopefully the change will allow more people to attend the meetings.

A second change was the change of meeting day for the State Assembly from Wednesday to Thursday in conjunction with the same change made by the other societies meeting on the following days.

Also please note that there are 5 more copies of Volume III of the Ancestor Stories from the State Regent's Project. There are few stories in this volume, but it includes a complete index for all three volumes so it is an important addition to the set.

WAR OF 1812 EXHIBIT TO COME TO HERITAGE CENTER

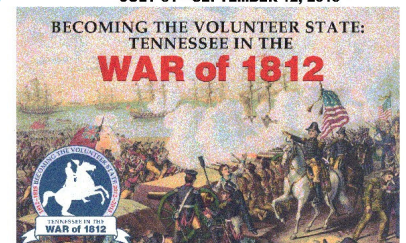
Prospective member Susan Pemberton brought a flier (pictured at right) from the Paris-Henry County Heritage Center promoting a new exhibit coming July 31 - September 12, 2015. The exhibit is entitled "Becoming the Volunteer State: Tennessee in the War of 1812 and is a Tennessee State Museum traveling exhibit sponsored by Humanities Tennessee. This is part of the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 which ended in 1815.

PLAN AHEAD: Next meeting is Saturday, Sept. 12 at 11:00 at Tom's Pizza and Steak House in Paris

SCRAPBOOK AWARD

Our 2014 scrapbook, which was the first place winner at State Assembly, won 3rd place at National Convention!

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