

Skinner Cemetery Receives Marker

Compatriot W. O. (Buddy) Skinner and Margaret Sexton Mathies of Houston submitted the application for a state historical marker on May 14, 1997. The application was approved by the Texas State Historical Commission on August 12, 1997. The marker recognizes the historical significance of the Skinner family cemetery near Pilot Point.

The Skinner Cemetery is located on Debbie Lane off U. S. 377. The first burial was in 1858 and only one burial occurred after 1901. Compatriot Skinner's efforts in preserving area history are commendable.

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DAR Meeting Nov. 15th

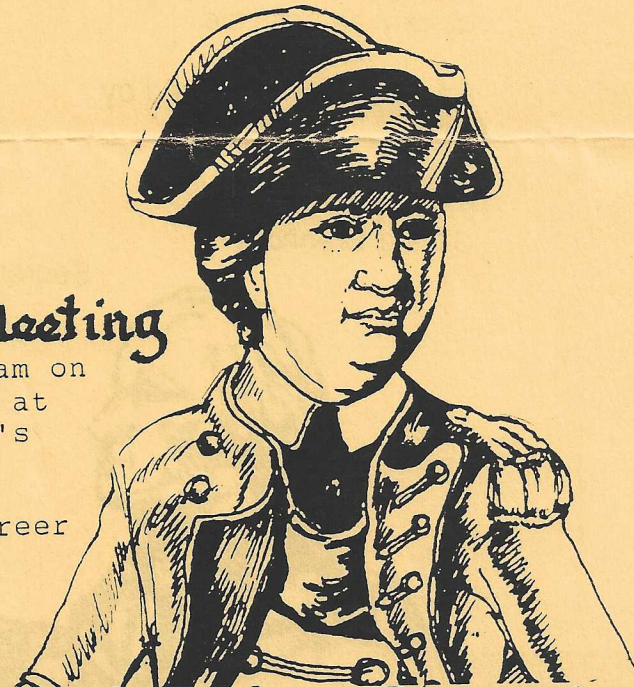
The DAR Annual meeting will be held at the Denton Country Club on Saturday, November 15. The program will feature Rosemarie Rumley presenting the topic, "Early Pioneers of Texas." Members of Denton Chapter TXSSAR are cordially invited to attend. A fee of thirteen dollars will be charged. Interested persons are requested to call or write Mildred Parker before the November 7 deadline. Telephone 387-1319 or write to Ms. Parker at 3036 Country Club Road for reservations. The luncheon meeting will begin at 10:30 A.M.

Benedict Arnold Topic of Nov. Meeting

William P. Vaughn will present a program on Benedict Arnold on November 6 at 7:00 P. M. at the Good Samaritan Village. Benedict Arnold's varied career spanned the defeat in Quebec, heroism at Saratoga, and the traitorous acts at West Point. Arnold ended his military career as a British officer.

Poster Contest Underway

The Plans for the 1998 TXSSAR Poster Contest are underway. If you would like the opportunity to assist with this project please contact Bill Bell at (940) 382-3525.



Next Meeting: 7 P.M. Nov. 6 - Good Sam

Benedict Arnold

Patriot Ancestor #3

Robert Fletcher

Using the Virginians in the Revolution listing Fletcher, Job, Capt. Simpson's Co., Augusta, Fletcher, Robert, 10 CL., Fletcher, Robert, Capt. Lockridge's Co., Augusta, I tried the Fort Worth Library, the Archives in Fort Worth, The Dallas Public Library, and found nothing. I then tried the Archives in Washing D.C., and received nothing. Not until I received my sisters' D.A.R. papers, did I learn anything about the military records.

Washington had intended to stay in Morristown only a few days, but he was forced to remain there nearly five months. On March 14, 1777, Washington reported that he had less than 3,000 starved and freezing scarecrows to command. In desperation, he used his dictatorial powers to commandeer provisions. But he could not outlaw smallpox, which ravaged the camp.

At last the patriot cause brightened. About 22,000 muskets and other supplies arrived. Eventually men to shoulder them also began to arrive, not in a trickle or a flood, but in a steady small stream that was to be characteristic of Continental Army recruiting. Washington now had a force of about 9,000 soldiers, not including the Northern army which General Horatio Gates was guarding the lake-and-river chain.

Revolutionary War Record No. 533, Robert Fletcher, Private, 10th Virginia Regiment, enlisted 12th June 1777, Captain Richard Stevens Company commanded by Col. Edward Stevens, term of enlistment, 3 years, Copied from the National Archives, Washington, D.C., 23 May 1947 by Mrs. O. L. Fletcher, Temple, Texas.

Photostat of above payroll was submitted by Lois Maxine Fletcher Weatherby, DAR #299112, (daughter of Mrs. O. L. Fletcher.
Note - Record of Robert Fletcher being 1778. He was in the hospital from July, 1777, until March, 1778

Private in Captain Samuel Haw's Company of the 1st Virginia Regt. commanded by Col. Woodford for the term of about three months. Enlisted in 1778, having taken the place of his brother, John Fletcher. Photostat copy was submitted by Lois Maxine Fletcher Weatherby. DAR #199112.

Yes it is confusing to me too. Robert enlisted for 3 years. He is hospitalized one month, after he enlists. It is just before the battle for Philadelphia. Was he wounded, have the smallpox, or what to be hospitalized for 9 months. Was he discharged? He turns around and enlists in the 1st Virginia Regt. for 3 months taking the place of his brother John.

Robert dies April 26, 1796 in Rockbridge county, Virginia. His children are Robert Jr., John, and James Fletcher.

Lyman Chalkey states Vol. III, page 38, " Robert and John Fletcher are about (9 August 1797) to remove to Kentucky." Both Robert and John receive land grant south of the Green River. Robert receives 150 acres on Harrods fork, and John receives 150 acres on Crocus creek. Both grants are in Green County.

Richard Fletcher

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DENTON CHAPTER #23

Meeting 7:00 p. m. at Denton good Samaritan Village

Minutes for October 10, 1997

Meeting was called to order by President Baird with Pledge of allegiance to the Flag and the SAR Pledge.

President Baird announced the awarding of a DAR Certificate to Compatriot Jim Johnson for his participation in the reading of the U. S. Constitution on the Denton County Court House Lawn recently. He was assisted by Baird and others.

It was announced that Bill Bell would be Poster Contest Leader

Treasurer Wm. Vaughn Reported a Balance \$458.40 after current expenditures. Ink and Quill Editor Jim Johnson reported that the publication costs were two hundred dollars per year for the last two years and to date they had been out of pocket. Compatriot Johnson graciously offered to contribute two hundred dollars of this and the other half was paid by the Treasurer leaving a new balance of \$258.40

Compatriot Johnson indicated a need to turn the honor of Editor of the Ink and Quill to another in order to devote time to other professional activities.

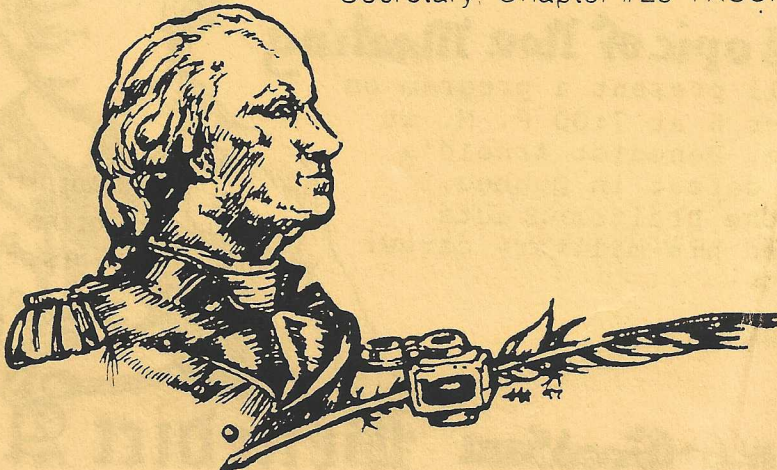
Editor Johnson urged members to prepare and submit short histories of their Patriot to be used in the newsletter and in other news releases.

President Baird urged all members to proceed with their work on supplementals as quickly as possible

Respectively submitted by

Gerald Brenholtz

Secretary, Chapter #23 TXSSAR



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6, 7 P.M., Good Samaritan
Benedict Arnold presented
by William P. Vaughn

November 15 DAR Luncheon, 10:30 A.M.
Denton Country Club

SAR Member Participation List

1. Submit articles for the Newsletter
2. Turn in the biography of your ancestor
3. Complete your supplementals

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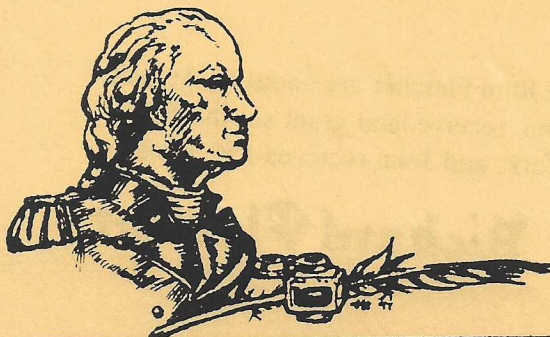
Presidents Who Fought in Revolution

Of the four United States Presidents who served in the military during the Revolution only one did not see action. James Madison, because of poor health, was relegated to training troops and home front duties. George Washington's exploits are legendary. James Monroe was an aid to Lord Stirling and saw combat frequently. He was with Washington crossing the Delaware and at the Battle of Brandywine. The last American President to fight in the Revolution was Andrew Jackson. He and his brother Robert enlisted and served as messengers. Jackson was the only future American President to have been a prisoner of war. When Jackson was captured a British officer slashed him with a sword. This incident provided a hatred of the English that motivated Jackson throughout the War of 1812.



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