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## TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### Denton Chapter #23, TXSSAR Inc. Newsletter

#### "Patriotism, American History, & Education" MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JAN. 7, 1999

President Bill Bell called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pledge to the SAR. Chaplain Tom Bailey gave the invocation. President Bell announced that speaker Curtis Flatt had been stricken the night before with a heart attack and of course could not attend. Bell and Jim Johnson presented the program. Following the program, President Bell appointed a nominating committee comprised of William Vaughn, James Johnson, and Samuel Haynes for the purpose of making recommendation for new officers. The secretary was requested to write the TXSSAR regarding their failure to send a dues statement to member William Brenholtz. The meeting adjourned with the SAR closing and the closing prayer by Tom Bailey.

Respectfully submitted  
Samuel Haynes

#### A BILL BELL/JIM JOHNSON NIGHT

Bill asked how many of us have gone back to where our ancestors came from. Bill has. These are some of the things he found. "If you look at the map I have passed around, you will see the Irish Sea between Scotland, England and Ireland. You will see a body of land, part of Scotland, sticking out called Mull of Kintyre. Just north of this point is a little town called Target. This is where great granddaddy Bell was from. Because of his activities in the wars with England, he had to leave the country. So he went down to the Mull of Kintyre, built a round boat, and paddled the 13 miles across the very rough Irish Sea. This was about 1690. He stayed in this area of North Ireland about three years. From there, he went to Philadelphia. He bought about 600 acres just outside a Scottish settlement which lay about half way between Philadelphia and Harrisburg. In 1705, he built a home. The home is still standing and is occupied. It has 16 rooms, 4 stories and limestone walls 3 feet thick." "I have visited the house," Bill said, "and asked the people living there for permission to go through it." The people allowed me to go through and take pictures in every area." "To my great disappointment, when I returned home, I discovered that there had been no film in the camera." "But it was a thrilling experience just to stand in the house realizing that my ancestors had left Scotland, come to America, built the house and once again fought the British, this time not as Scotsmen but as American colonists."

Jim Johnson shared with us several recently acquired items of historical interest. One of his favorites is a shadow box in which he displays many pins and buttons of the past. At age 17, writing for the high school newspaper, Jim approached Richard Nixon who was in town to give a speech. Mr. Nixon did not have time for Jim, but his wife, Pat, spent about 15 minutes answering questions and talking. Needless to say, his button portraying Pat Nixon is a favorite. Jim received a book for Christmas, "George Washington, In His Own Words." The first part of the book contained 110 rules which Washington professed to live by. A couple of these are: "Every action done in company, ought to be satisfying, in some respect, to those present." and "When in company put not your hand on any part of the body not usually discovered."

**NEXT MEETING FEB. 4th  
7:00 pm Good Samaritan**

**Speaker: Thomas Cain**

**Subject: Colonial Williamsburg**

**Tom has just returned from doing research in  
Williamsburg**

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**VOICES PRECEDING THE REVOLUTION**

**“Who shall be judge whether the prince or legislative act contrary to their trust?” “To this I reply, The people shall be the judge; for who shall be judge whether his trustee or deputy acts well and according to the trust reposed in him, but he who deposes him and must, by having deputed him, have still a power to discard him when he fails in his trust?”**

**John Locke 1632 - 1704**

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