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

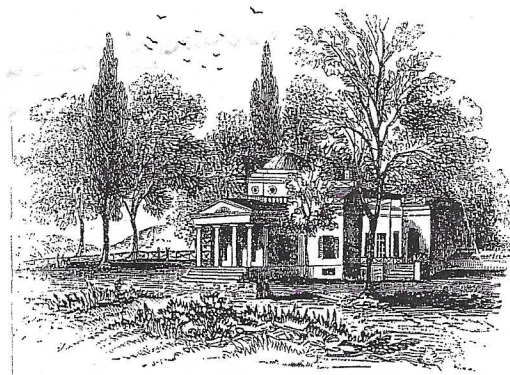
*"Patriotism, American History, & Education"*

## *Minutes of the Meeting Feb 1, 2001*

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 7PM. The opening prayer was given by Bill Bell. The Pledge of Allegiance and the opening SAR Pledge were led by Gerald Brenholtz. The program, "18th Century Science", was given by Dr. Mary Lynn Johnson, who was afterward presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Bicentennial Pin. Membership Certificates and Rosettes were presented to new members, Albert Lee Head, Jr. Albert Lee Head III, and Jeffrey Lynn Head. Bill Bell gave the names of proposed new officers, asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were offered. William Vaughn made a motion to accept the nominations of the committee. The motion was seconded by Gerald Brenholtz. The officers were then asked to come forward to be installed by TXSSAR President Richard Arnold. A certificate of Appreciation and Pin were presented to President Arnold. Treasurer, William Vaughn reported that the balance in the regular fund was \$598.87, the memorial account, \$113.01. President Johnson asked for approval to present the Law Enforcement award to Judge John Marshall at a future meeting. Johnson also mentioned that a Flag which had been flown over the White House, and a Flag Certificate had been presented by Sam Haynes and Jim Johnson to Mr. Elmore who is in charge of the Good Samaritan Village. Richard Arnold explained that the State Constitution is being changed and re-written to combine jobs so that there will be a Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar. Sam Haynes remarked that Denton Chapter's Constitution calls for a Registrar and the bylaws, by amendment, describes duties of the Genealogist. He stated that he had hoped to combine the two into one office - Registrar. In view of the many changes, he recommended drafting a new constitution and by-laws for approval at a future date. Those present gave the SAR Closing and the Closing Prayer was given by Bill Bell. Please see the signee list for names of those present.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



MONTICELLO



## Next Meeting Will Be:

Mar. 1, 2001

Good Samaritan Village, 7pm

The Speaker Will Be:

Barclay Miller

Subject: "WILLS"

TXSSAR Chapter #23

### Officers

President

James J Johnson

Vice President

Samuel Haynes

Secretary

Chris Casey

Treasurer

William Vaughn

Chaplain

Tom Bailey

Historian

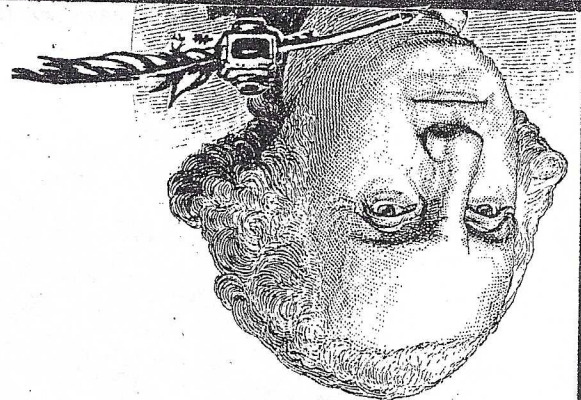
James Baird

Genealogist & Membership

Gerald Brenholtz

### "18th Century Science"

Dr. Mary Lynn Johnson gave us many interesting facts about science in the 1700's. Have you ever wondered how Thomas Jefferson's house, Monticello, became well known and has remained so to this day? I now believe it was because of the many scientific advances which Jefferson built into it. Jefferson had a bedroom/study combined, separated by a wall. If he got out of bed on one side, he was in his bedroom. If he got out on the other, he was in his office. His bedroom had the first indoor toilet. It was comprised of a bucket in the closet which by rope would be conveyed out behind a hedge for emptying. In the office side, he had the first copying machine. He had two quill feathers attached with a wire so that when he wrote, the attached quill would copy what was written. Benjamin Franklin invented the Franklin stove which is still produced today. The stove sat in the middle of the room and the front could be kept open or closed. The design caused warm air to be circulated throughout the room. Franklin coined the terms positive, negative and battery which are everyday words used today. He discovered that lightening and electricity were the same. As he became older and began to lose his sight, he invented eyeglasses. Other facts which were known in 1770 to 1790 include the fact that plants produce oxygen and consume carbon dioxide, that cancer exists, that air impurities were a threat and were being studied. Watts had a patent on the steam engine, the poland china hog had been developed and artificial insemination was practiced.



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