



# *The Continental Report*

*Ellis County Chapter #70-Texas SAR*

*Sons of the American Revolution*



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**“Blood flowed at Lexington, Mass., on Wednesday, April 19, 1775. It was the blood of patriots, shed by British Regulars. That blood made America free and independent. It cried from the ground, and its voice was heard in every habitation of the United Provinces. It roused the sleepers; it fired the populace; it united the people as one man, to resist unto blood the tyranny of the Lords and Commons of Britain.”** History of Elizabeth, NJ (1609-1868) p.416 by John W. Dowell , New York, May 11, 1868.

**Next Meeting April 26, 2025**

**9:00am, Poker Room**

**The Hamilton at Garden Valley**

**880 Garden Valley Pkwy.**

**Waxahachie, TX 75165**

## *News of Ellis County Chapter*

### APPLICATIONS APPROVED:



**David Pilcher,  
Gary Stephen Howerton,  
Laurence R. Williams, and  
Micah Kimball**

**IN\_PROCESS:** Brent Batla, Harlon W. Bounds, Calvin D. Brown, Ronald Kevin Finch, Jeffery E. Frost, Mark L. Gundert, Ty Hall, John D. Jett, Micah Kimball, Johnny Mitchell, Brent Matthew Rutan, Patrick Souter, David George Spaulding

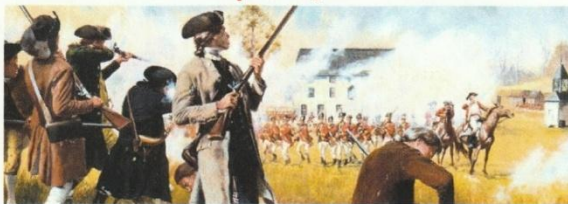
**APPLICANTS:** J. D. Durfey, Cory “Dodd” Duvall, Matt Gardner, Dustin Gunther, Robert Kaufman, Kenny Moore, Stephen Mosby, Anthony Mottla, Jonathan Stanford, Donald Stanphill, Richard Taylor, John A Vobis

### **NEWEST COMPATRIOT:**

(and long time member)

**Joseph Sidney Smith** was inducted into the Ellis County Chapter March 22, 2025. Joe’s application was approved December 20, 2024. His patriot, Fielding Lewis was profiled in the February Continental Report.

**~ April 19, 1775 ~**



**On Lexington Green, 5:30 am**

**Ensign Robert Munroe, 63  
Jonathan Harrington, Jr., 30**

**Samuel Hadley, 28**

**Jonas Parker, 53**

**Caleb Harrington, 23**

**Isaac Muzzy, 41**

**Asahel Porter, 23**

**John Brown, 24**

**At the North Bridge, Concord, 9:30 am**

**Captain Isaac Davis, 30**

**Abner Hosmer**

*Celebrating 250 Years of Liberty*

**The Untold Stories of American Independence**

**Carl Flowers ~ CarlSpeaksTruth@gmail.com**



Friends of the family attended the meeting: Mary and Dennis Giuffre drove up from Houston, and Sidney (Joe's daughter) and her husband Mark Gardner with sons Wyatt and Wren from Waxahachie.



President Hill did the honors as Dianne Smith, Joe's wife pinned the SAR Rosette his collar.



Ron Finch spoke briefly about Joe's ancestor and displayed a Brown Bess rifle from Joe's collection.



Dennis Giuffre honored Joe



**Randall Bush** from the Plano brought the program **"The Whiskey Rebellion"**. Our speaker this month will be **Bill Watts**. Bill always has something informative and entertaining. His topic for the April meeting is **"Young People at War"**.

### *News from 130th Texas SAR Convention*



Mel Oller, President Texas Society SAR  
The new president's speech at the 130<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Texas SAR: <https://www.texassar.org/oller.htm>  
You can review the list of new officers and committees on the Texas SAR website.



**Taylor & Haughton**  
Convention participants



## Ellis County Chapter received 4 awards

### Col. Joe M. Hill Membership Award

Division 6

For 100% membership renewal for 2024

### The Karl E. Wallace Award

Division 6

1<sup>st</sup> place in the Texas Society

For chapter having highest % membership in 2024

### John Bruce Stuart Jr. Memorial Award

Division 6, Group 1

For meeting best criteria for Veterans activities

### Texas SAR Americanism Award

For best recognizes patriotic activities, supports patriotic education, observance of national holidays & outstanding citizenship in 2024



JROTC Bronze Medal Winner  
Cadet Major Leonora Reyes



ECC Poster Contest Entry

Catherine Nelson

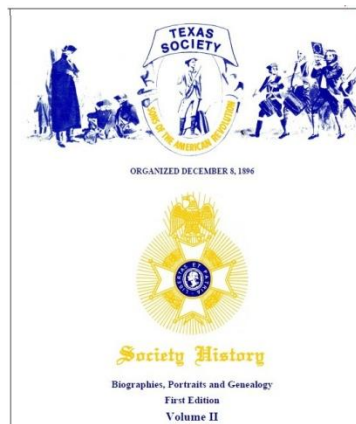
Age 10, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary, Rowlett, TX



Photocollage Banners

## Texas SAR History Vol. III:



A history of our chapter is nearing completion for the History book. Compatriots are being asked to contribute a personal biography for addition to the "Texas SAR History Vol. III". A questionnaire to assist with bios is

attached and available for download from the Texas SAR website. **This questionnaire will not be published**, but is merely a tool to help you construct your bio. [Compatriot Questionnaire.](#)

## News from National SAR



Selections from the Collection:  
Revolutionary Women



Selections from the Collection: Revolutionary Women Live Virtual Event open to all SAR Members and the Public!

Registration Link: [Facebook events](#)

Event Time: April 23, 2025, 11:30PM

Description: Join Curator Zac Distel for a behind the scenes look at artifacts featured in the latest edition of Selections from the Collection. Tune in for a closer look at artifacts related to Revolutionary Women. This free virtual event is

**Coming November 16 on PBS**



Beginning in March 2025, the filmmakers will be holding screenings and having conversations with the general public, teachers, students and others. More information will be available soon, and additional markets will be added for 2026. An event is currently planned in Dallas, June 3, 2025. Check this site for details, <https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-american-revolution>

## Births in April

- ❖ Benjamin Harrison; VA April 7, 1726
- ❖ Lewis Morris; PA April 8, 1726
- ❖ Lyman Hall; GA April 12, 1724
- Thomas Jefferson April 13, 1743
- ❖ Samuel Chase; MD April 17, 1741
- ❖ William Williams; CT April 18, 1731
- ❖ Roger Sherman; CT April 19, 1721
- Ulysses S. Grant April 27, 1822
- James Monroe April 28, 1758
- James Buchanan April 23, 1791
- Presidents
- ❖ Signers of the Declaration

## Deaths in April

- William H. Harrison April 4, 1841
- ❖ Stephen Hopkins; RI April 13, 1785
- Abraham Lincoln April 15, 1865
- ❖ Benjamin Franklin; PA April 17, 1790
- Franklin D. Roosevelt April 12, 1945
- ❖ Dr. Benjamin Rush; PA April 19, 1813
- Richard Nixon April 22, 1994
- ❖ Benjamin Harrison; VA April 24, 1791
- Presidents
- ❖ Signers of the Declaration

## Flag Flying Days



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|------------------|----------|
| Patriots Day     | April 21 |
| VE Day           | May 8    |
| Armed Forces Day | May 17   |
| Memorial Day     | May 26*  |

\*Half Staff until Noon

## The Historian's Watch

Applications and Supplementals

The Genealogy Committee serves as a resource to Texas SAR applicants and the individual Texas Chapters with respect to application preparation and genealogical research. The Committee also provides guidance on the interpretation of SAR Genealogy policies and suggests approaches to solving problems in proofs of lineage and service. Our chapter Registrar, David Hill works closely with the Inland Group Registrar Jerry Pinkerton to assist and process applications.

If you have not ready done so, download or read the [Application Preparation Guide](#). Here are a few hints to make it easier for the examiners to find the facts on your vitals, census, and proof documents.

1. Use a **red line** to indicate the information
2. Mark **ONLY** the information needed
3. Photo or scan full pages, not just the details.
4. If the details are too small or unclear to read, enlarge that detail and print is on the back side of the print out.
5. Indicate the identifying generation in the margin and at the top of the page. (match the app form)
6. If you don't have data to enter, leave it blank. (dates and places)
7. Above all, **DOCUMENT YOUR SOURCE**



## *Who We Are (My Patriot)*

No one stepped up to introduce their Patriot.

**NOTE: This section is for you to submit YOUR patriot. We each have a Revolutionary ancestor that we like to talk about. This is your opportunity to do that. Just send a Word file to the Editor (and photo if available).**

## *This Month – 250 Years Ago*

**April 19, 1775 – the battles of Concord & Lexington are in every history book. But there is more to the story –**



William Henry Drayton, Head of the Secret Committee

After Britain passed the Coercive Acts, also known as the Intolerable Acts, in 1774, dissatisfaction rose among the American colonists. The day after the Battles of Lexington and Concord, South Carolinians moved to arm themselves. Charles Pinckney, the President of the Provincial Congress, appointed a Secret Committee to be headed by William Henry Drayton. The Committee was instructed to seize the British government's weapons and gunpowder. On the night of Friday, April 21st,

Drayton's committee members led raids on three separate targets.

Charleston's main armory was located near the corner of what is now Broad and Meeting Streets, under the current Federal Post Office. Around 11 p.m., William Henry Drayton met Charles Pinckney, Henry Laurens, Thomas Lynch, Benjamin Huger, William Bull, and John Drayton near the building. According to a memoir by Joseph Johnson, they were joined by a group of local mechanics. The men removed approximately 800 muskets, 200 cutlasses, and the building's entire inventory of cartridge boxes. The weapons and munitions were dispersed and hid in several locations.

Two other powder magazines were outside the town limits, one on the "Neck" of the peninsula and the other on Molasses Creek, or Hobcaw, in what is now Mount Pleasant. According to Charleston historian Nic Butler, at the same time that the raid on the central armory was occurring, two groups took off in rowboats from the Charleston waterfront. He speculates that they departed from Gadsden's wharf with one boat headed to Shipyard Creek on the Neck while the other took the Wando River towards Molasses Creek. By most accounts, the magazine on the Neck was empty when the burglars arrived but the other contingent seized all the powder from the Hobcaw magazine and delivered it to Gadsden's wharf as expected.

The next morning, Lieutenant-Governor William Bull was informed of the raids and called for an investigation. The Ordinance Storekeeper described the items that had been stolen from the central armory and reported that there was nothing to indicate forced entry of the facility. The Deputy Powder Receiver reported that the public powder magazine near Hobcaw was forced open and all the powder had been removed. If anyone witnessed the burglaries, they did not step forward, even when Bull offered a reward of £100 sterling. Bull referred the matter to the investigation of the Commons House, who responded by stating that they were unable "to obtain any certain intelligence relative to the removal of the public arms, and gun-powder," but suggested that "some inhabitants of this colony, may have been induced to take so extraordinary and uncommon a step, in consequence of the alarming accounts from Great Britain." According to Butler, those accounts divulged

Britain's intentions to use its military to extinguish any resistance in the colonies. These nighttime raids demonstrated that South Carolinians were ready to act.

Source: South Carolina Historical Society

Written by: Faye Jensen, March 30, 2023

<https://schistory.org/april-1775-the-rebellion-of-south-carolina/>

## *TO ALL COMPATRIOTS AND APPLICANTS OF ECC:*

Ellis County Chapter needs to a **Speakers Bureau** for the Chapter and State websites. This is one of the ways that the chapter can earn points for the Americanism Award.

Subjects may be Local History, Genealogy, Patriotic Events, Ancestors Service, etc. Most programs are to be limited to 30 min. and may be PowerPoint or videos. Here are a few examples that have been or can be programs.

### **Haughton, John (Jack):**

- The Boston Tea Party event by presenting a paper on the Edenton Tea Party. Women of Edenton, North Carolina, signed the Edenton Resolution denouncing the British Tea Tax. One of the signers of the Resolution was Anne Haughton, a family ancestor of President Haughton

### **Hill, W. David:**

- Local history
- Ancestors service
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### **Finch, Ronald "Ron":**

- His ancestor's pension fund transcription. This gave us an unusual view in the life of our ancestors.
- "a minute in history".
- "Down, but not out". The story about Battle Tried, Wounded, and Disabled Revolutionary Soldiers that continued to support the cause in any way possible.

### **Taylor, Philip:**

- Abraham Clark, Signer (PowerPoint)
- George Washington's War (21:48 video)
- "A Brief Autobiographical Chapter in the Military Life of one Marcus Eugene Taylor", from induction to discharge, WWII in Leyte and Okinawa (PowerPoint)

## **ADDED YOUR NAME TO THE LIST**

A look at how other chapters are presenting their speakers (Ctrl+Click to follow link)

[Plano](#) , [Arlington](#) , [San Antonio](#)  
[Cradle of Texas](#) , [Katy](#) , [McKinney](#)

(COPIED FROM THE AMERICANISM SCORE SHEET)

For establishing and publicizing a Speakers Bureau to deliver Patriotic, Historical, and Educational talks to Non-SAR organizations. **25 points**

Speakers Bureau must be functioning for at least 6 months defined as being advertised on a website or in a publication with contact information provided in order to receive points for the year.

**Historical, Educational and Patriotic Programs by Public Speaking - 25 points per Classroom or Non-SAR program / 10 points per SAR program / 5 point Period Attire bonus / 4,500 point chapter maximum for School programs**

Select "Classroom" or "Non-Classroom" from the drop down menu in Column C. Enter the specific Audience - School (public, private, parochial or home school) or Organization - in Column D.

[Presentations made in different classes during the same day in the same school may be counted separately as long as specific data such as teacher name or separate class period is entered. Names of city, town or region are not valid Audience data.](#)

Choose the Type of Program from the provided drop down menu. A 5-point bonus is awarded if the presentation is made by at least one (1) compatriot

wearing Period Attire (Continental Uniform/Militia Uniform or Period Attire worn by civilians). Note: this cannot be counted on Tab 8. Points are earned per presentation and NOT per compatriot(s) participating in the presentation. For purposes of the Education Committee, please enter the number of attendees at each presentation as well as the name of the compatriot presenter(s).



130<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention Color Guard

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<https://www.sar.org/>

Texas Sons of the American Revolution  
<https://www.texassar.org/>

Ellis County Chapter #70 Texas SAR  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1368629110703478>

Ellis County Chapter #70  
<https://www.texassar.org/EllisCounty>



Two Lights for Tomorrow is a nationwide initiative to commence the celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States of America. The famous ride of Paul Revere occurred overnight on April 18 – 19, 1775. Two Lights for Tomorrow originated out of multi-state collaboration at A Common Cause to All in Williamsburg and uses the imagery of that shining light 250 years ago as a uniting call to action today for our fellow citizens, no matter where they are, to commemorate and remind ourselves that our history is about working together for a better tomorrow. At its heart it is a call across the country, in private homes, local communities, and statehouses alike, for two lights to be displayed to remind us all of the importance to come together to form a more perfect union.

#### How to Participate

Everyone can participate! All you have to do is display two lights in your homes, at your visitor centers, your cultural, historical, and community sites, and in your government buildings in April 2025 to raise awareness and draw attention to and commemorate the beginning of our constant endeavor as a nation to work together for a better tomorrow!

#### *News from the DAR*

On Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 08:47:46 PM CDT,  
PATRICIA HERNANDEZ  
<[hernandez0408@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hernandez0408@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

Hello to all! I have some exciting news to share:

First, our Chapter has the most generous members - we collected \$2,219 in **Pass the Hat** donations! My heartfelt thanks to all who donated! As you know, Pass the Hat donations, along with our Chapter dues, allow us to meet our Chapter obligations and continue to support those programs meaningful to our Chapter. Your generosity means so much. THANK YOU!



Next, at State Conference, our Chapter was recognized for achievements in a number of areas, and we were awarded Certificates of Appreciation. I want to share these awards with you:

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded for:

- Chapter Achievement Award - Blue (meaning that we met or exceeded all expectations)
- Membership Committee Recruitment and Retention Programs
- Genealogy Program
- Promoting the American Spirit Magazine
- Celebrating Constitution Week with Children
- Exemplary Promotion of American History Programs
- To Catherine Dougherty for Presentations in "American History Minute"
- Excellence in Historic Preservation
- Commendable Print and Broadcast Coverage - Becky Lynn
- Entering Service to America Hours in Service to America Tally
- Outstanding work in support of the DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee
- Highest Number of Finders Forms Submitted in 2024 (DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee)
- To Vicki Williams for her outstanding service to the Chapter as Chaplain for the Year 2024 and in promotion of the National Society's motto "God, Home and Country"

We can all take pride in our Chapter for all we do, and as evidenced by these awards, our State administration recognizes those contributions. Each of you makes such a difference, and receiving these awards of recognition is a testament to that.

These awards will be on display at our meeting on Monday. Please take a look and know that each of you played a part in receiving these awards - Thank you for all you do!

Warm regards,  
Pat Hernandez, Regent  
Rebecca Boyce Chapter, NSDAR  
817-266-2056



Congratulations to the Best DAR Chapter in Waxahachie! Actually the best DAR Chapter anywhere!



New Logo

### *Daughters of the American Revolution*

Ellis County also has an active DAR Chapter. For more information please contact **Barbara Coan**, Registrar, Rebecca Boyce Chapter, NSDAR at [barbaraanncoan@hotmail.com](mailto:barbaraanncoan@hotmail.com).







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