

## History of Cradle of Texas SAR Chapter 33

Dr. Wellington Grier McAlexander, born in Cooper, Texas, in 1918, served in WWII in the U.S. Army Air Corps in engineering as a Captain, and earned his Doctorate from North Texas State University. He taught at Wharton Junior College in Wharton, Texas, and later at Brazosport College, in Clute, Texas, where he retired as Dean of Students. Dr. McAlexander loved history, wrote many articles, contributed to several books and spoke to any one or group who gave him the opportunity. He was instrumental in creating the Brazoria Militia and the Brazoria County Historical Museum.

Dr. McAlexander initiated efforts to establish the Cradle of Texas Chapter in 1983. Through his knowledge of several SAR Compatriots in Brazoria, Matagorda and Wharton counties and contacts with history buffs and genealogists, the chapter was officially established on December 3, 1983.

The chapter name, Cradle of Texas, characterizes Brazoria, Matagorda and Wharton counties' place in Texas history, because this is where Stephen F. Austin, the Father of Texas, began his colony. Austin selected this area because of its fertile soil and abundant game as well as access to the interior that the Brazos and Colorado rivers provided. When Austin's colonists arrived in the early 1820s, they found a rich, wild land and Indians, much like the situation that the Pilgrims found in New England in the 1620s.

# Chapter Institution Program



INSTITUTION  
OF  
CRADLE OF CHAPTER  
TEXAS SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Columbia Lakes Country Club  
December 3, 1983

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one State under God, one and indivisible.

## PLEDGE TO THE SAR

We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

## SAR CLOSING

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.

CALL TO ORDER  
Clovis H. Brakebill, Treasurer General, NSSAR

INVOCATION  
Clell Sechrest

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG  
Led by Tom Kenyon

PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG  
Led by Vernon Zeitler

PLEDGE TO THE SAR  
Led by Gordon Richardson

WELCOME  
Clovis H. Brakebill

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
Clovis H. Brakebill

PRESENTATION OF SAR CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP  
R. Carl Tumey, President Texas Society SAR

PRESENTATION OF SAR MEDAL OF APPRECIATION  
Clovis H. Brakebill

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS  
Kathleen Sechrest, Regen Fort Velasco Chapter  
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PROGRAM - NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION  
Clovis H. Brakebill

CEREMONY OF INSTITUTION  
Clovis H. Brakebill

REMARKS  
W.G. McAlexander, President Cradle of Texas  
Chapter  
R. Carl Tumey, President Texas Society SAR  
A.F. Drouilhet, Secretary Texas Society SAR

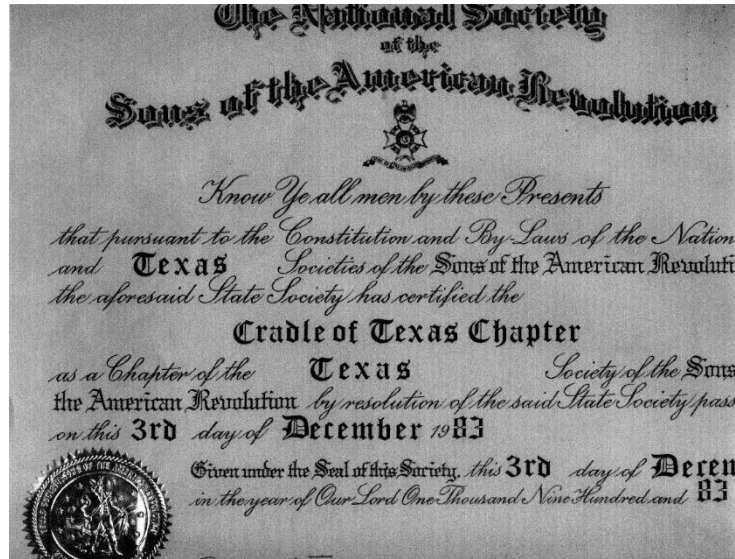
SAR CLOSING  
Clovis H. Brakebill

BENEDICTION  
W.G. McAlexander

WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS



Brakebill, McAlexander, Tumey



## Charter Members

Martin Atwood  
 William Harold Attaway  
 Vivien Earl Boggs  
 Arthur Raymond Capell  
 Teddy R. Carr  
 George J. Easterling  
 William Franklin Elliott  
 Chester Raymond Francis Jr.  
 Hall Wesley Griggs  
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