

**M. Graham Clark Chapter
Missouri Society
The Sons of the American Revolution
18 April 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Opening

The meeting was called to order by President Chance at 8:38 am. The colors were posted by the color guard. There were 24 visitors and 18 members present. Chaplain Merrill gave the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Thomas and the SAR Pledge was led by COM DeVenney.

President Chance asked if there were any visitors of note and the following were announced: COM Steve Foltz's granddaughter Keena Collick and her husband Remy Collick; Sharon Naylor, wife of COM Walter Naylor; COM Coutts's wife Linda Coutts; Charles Lee, an applicant for membership, and his wife Carol; James Dixon, a prospective member; Esther Rosner, the daughter of Harry Lehenbauer; Buff Chance, an applicant for membership; William Krause, who has a son and two grandsons who have applied for membership; Sonny Raines and his wife, Emma Jo; and Bill Stone, the presenter of the program and also a prospective member.

President Chance also asked for birthdays for the month of April and the following were recognized: COM Bullard; Laura DeVenney; Linda Chance and Sonny Raines

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:50 am for breakfast.

Reconvened

The meeting was reconvened at 9:16 am and President Chance called on Secretary Kerr to give the minutes for the March 2015 meeting. The minutes were read and approved as read.

President Chance then called on Treasurer Coutts to give the Treasurer's report. COM Coutts reported that as of 31 March 2015 the balance of the M. Graham Clark Endowment Fund was \$13,129.84, of which \$355.66 is in available funds. He further reported that as of 31 March 2015 M. Graham Clark Operations Account was \$1,539.21. The report was approved as read.

Old Business

President Chance then called on COM Miller to discuss the upcoming Grave Marking for Revolutionary War Soldier John David Winn. COM Miller stated he has been contacted by Barbara McKenzie, a family member who lives in the Salisbury area, and she is the local family contact. COM Miller further stated that Mrs. McKenzie had drawn a template of the program. The Grave Marking is to take place on the 4th of July at 10:00 am. Nancy Thomas, who is a member of the Margaret Miller DAR Chapter, stated that Mrs. McKenzie has invited the Boonville, Salisbury, Armstrong and Howard County Chapters of the DAR, as well as State DAR officials. COM Miller stated there would be a short meeting after the meeting to further discuss this.

President Chance then asked COM Miller to discuss the book *Patriots Redcoats and Spies*. COM Miller stated that Vice-President Reynolds, who was not in attendance, had discussed with him that Reynolds had contacted the Columbia Public Schools and they are very interested in this and that they further told COM Reynolds that there is a program, in which we could purchase books through the school for a reduced cost, and the school district would put a

sticker in the book stating it was donated by our chapter. COM Reynolds would like to have this be a chapter project and he has pledged to donate \$100 towards this. This will be further discussed in future meetings, once the school district gives us more information on what books they would like. COM Kerr stated he gave a copy of this book to both the Fayette and New Franklin School districts, and this was very well received by them.

President Chance then asked COM Kerr to discuss with the chapter the Josiah FOGG report. Kerr stated that he recently inherited this program from COM DeVenney, and that there is a point system for all the activities our chapter does. In late February of every year, a report is made to State and then winning chapters are selected based on the number of points. COM Stuart asked what this was an ends to, and COM DeVenney stated this is a way to encourage the chapter to be active in the community and awards are given for this. COM Miller further stated it is a way to keep our tax exempt status. COM Kerr asked for members to report to him any activities they participate in that may be helpful in this process.

President Chance asked Laura DeVenney if her granddaughter Ann was still president of CAR. Mrs. DeVenney stated Ann would be stepping down tomorrow in ceremonies in Washington, D. C. Mrs. DeVenney further stated Ann raised enough money for 2 comfort dogs for veterans and is about \$400 to \$500 short of getting a third. That is still being worked on.

Mrs. DeVenney reminded the chapter she is selling raffle tickets for the First Ladies Quilt as part of the SAR Auxiliary.

Genealogy Report

President Chance then asked Nancy Thomas to give the Genealogy Report. She stated Hank Hammons application is ready to sign; Sonny Raines is at National; Jonathon Butler's is at the State Genealogist's; Charles and James Lee's are ready to mail; Robert Hill's will be signed at the May meeting; Philip Krause's application is ready to mail; Zachary Fletcher's application is ready to sign; COM Miller's three supplementals are ready to mail; Matt Montie, Joseph Montie and Michael Covington's are still waiting for documentation; COM Strader's supplementals were sent to him for signature; Buff Chance's has been signed; David Harkey's is ready to be signed; Dave Harkey's is ready to be signed. We are still waiting for documents on John Bates's application. She is working on lines for Tim Carter, James Dixon and Bill Stone. COM Kerr stated he has COM Terrill Jones's supplemental and it will be ready to sign in May.

COM DeVenney then stated that he nominated Nancy Thomas for the Winona R. Yohe Award, which is for Woman of the Year. She will receive this at the State Convention on April 25. This is for her stellar work in working on applications through this year. The members gave her a much-deserved standing ovation.

New Business:

At this time, President Chance called on COM Kerr to come forward. He then presented COM Kerr his supplemental certificate and COM Kerr gave a brief narrative of the patriot Captain Henry Francis. COM Kerr will give a presentation at a later meeting on him. Kerr also thank the Foltz's for their assistance in getting this application done.

President Chance then called on Mr. Harry Lehenbauer to come forward. President chance then swore Mr. Lehenbauer in as a member and asked COM Lehenbauer's daughter,

Esther Rosner, to come and pin the Rosette to her father's lapel, as well as a flag of the Revolution and American flag. The chapter then gave COM Lehenbauer a round of applause.

Program

President Chance then called on COM Miller to introduce the speaker of the program, Mr. Bill Stone. The topic of the presentation was the Friendly Family. Mr. Stone started by saying there was not very much knowledge on the Stone family, as his father's father died when his father was a baby, and the children were put into schools. He said his father was in World War II, and was at Forts Riley, Hood and also was in artillery. He further stated he has an ancestor that was in the Confederate Army in the Civil War, on the Stone line.

Then Mr. Stone started to discuss the Friendly family. The first generation was Israel Friendly, who lived from 1693-1770. He was the first pioneer to settle the upper Potomac and got his land from the Cheyenne. The land grant was written on tree bark. That was in 1727. The land area the grant covered was based on the number of times you could shoot an arrow the longest distance in one direction, and then the others. He lost this land grant in 1736 when the government said the Indians could not so this since they had no right. This was due to legislation in Maryland. It later was bought by Baltimore. Israel finally was able to keep land 2 miles north of Harpers Ferry.

Israel had three sons, and Charles, his youngest, is the direct ancestor of Mr. Stone. Charles was much younger than his older two brothers. One interesting thing is that all the children of Israel got inheritances from their parents. There were stories that Israel's wife was an Indian, and had she indeed been on, there would have been no inheritances since Indians had no rights.

One of Charles's sisters married a Captain Westfall who was in the American Revolution. And, Jonas, Charles's oldest brother in his later years was losing his memory and he was known to march around and periodically "shoot" and then say, "Well, that's one less redcoat!"

Charles was a Captain in the Revolutionary War. On 26 August 1784 George Washington visited with him. In 1796/97, Charles and his family moved to Benton, Missouri, in the area that is now Scott County. Charles had nine children. Hardin is Mr. Stone's direct ancestor. It is not known for sure where Charles is buried but John, a son of his, is buried in Friends Cemetery. The family lived in a town called Oran. Another son of Charles's, James, moved to Monett, Missouri. John and James served in the Union in the Civil War as well.

There is a DAR marker for Charles Friend in the Friend Cemetery mentioned above as well. It appears Mr. Stone is very much qualified to become a member of the SAR. He stated he would like to be a member of the M Graham Clark Chapter, since he is a brother of COM Miller as they went to college together and were in the same fraternity.

After the interesting program, he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by COM Miller, who stated he hoped the next certificate he would get from the chapter would be a membership certificate.

Additional Business:

COM Foltz mentioned that COM Alfred Jones received the volunteer of the year award at Harry S Truman Veterans Hospital recently.

COM Bradford mentioned that he felt it would be a good idea to get Grave medals for Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in this area. This will be discussed further. COM Kerr stated there are about 20 Revolutionary War veterans buried in Howard County that DAR had marked previously.

COM Cunningham reminded the chapter that 73 years ago today was the Doolittle Raid over Tokyo, and that three of the men who were in that daring act are still living. It is important to remember them at this time.

Closing

There being no further business, President Chance called for the colors to be retired. COM Stuart led the SAR Recessional and Chaplain Merrill gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold H. Kerr, II, Secretary
M Graham Clark Chapter, SAR