

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

Opening

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Wayne Reynolds, who was presiding in the absence of President Chance, at 8:32 am. The colors were not formally posted, as there was only one uniformed color guard member present. The invocation was given by Chaplain Merrill, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Terrill Jones, and the SAR Pledge was led by COM J. Y. Miller.

The following guests were noted: Dyna Bischof, the presenter of the program; John Butler, who has applied for membership; Mr. Butler's wife, Ellen, who is a member of DAR; Bill Krause, who has three grandsons who have applied for membership; Chris Maring, mother of member COM Michael Maring and a DAR member; and Diane Curtwright, wife of COM Thomas Curtwright.

Vice-President Reynolds then asked for birthdays for both the months of February and March, since the chapter did not meet in February. The following birthdays were noted: COM DeVenney, COM Ed Thomas, COM Coutts, COM Lybarger, COM J Y. Miller, and Mr. Harry Lehenbauer, who has applied for membership. A rousing version of "Happy Birthday to You" was sung to the birthday celebrants. COM Alfred Jones announced that next month he and his wife would celebrate their 67th anniversary.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:45 for breakfast.

Reconvened

The meeting was reconvened at 9:10 am and Vice-President Reynolds called for Secretary Kerr to present the minutes from the January 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Vice-President Reynolds then called on Treasurer Coutts to present the Treasurer's Report. COM Coutts reported that as of 28 February 2015 the M. Graham Clark Operations Account was \$1,597.35. He further stated that as of 28 February 2015 the M. Graham Clark Endowment Fund balance was \$13,129.30, of which \$352.22 is in available funds. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Old Business

At this point, Vice-President Reynolds called on COM DeVenney and COM Miller to come forward. The purpose was to present Certificates of Appreciation to the following people FOR SERVICE IN 2014: COM Kerr, Secretary; COM and Sharon Foltz, Genealogy; COM Merrill, Chaplain and Historian; COM Lybarger, Sgt. At Arms; COM Alfred Jones, Trustee; COM Dietzel, Eagle Scout Chairman; COM J. Y. Miller, 3 years as President of chapter.

Additionally, COM Miller was presented a plaque from the M. Graham Clark Patriot Award, for service to the chapter.

New Business

Vice-President Reynolds than asked if there was any new business.

COM Kerr had two items: first, we have been contacted about having a grave marking in July of 2015. The Patriot's name is John David Winn. The family contact person is named Ken Herrington, whom COM Kerr knows through the Howard County Genealogical Society and they are working

together on the MoSGA' "Missouri First Families" project. COM Kerr will contact Mr. Herrington and gather information before the April 2015 chapter meeting and it can be discussed further.

Second, COM Kerr brought to the chapter's attention there is a book that has recently been published entitled *Patriots, Redcoats and Spies*, written by a father-son SAR member team. COM Kerr suggested this could be a book project, to purchase copies for area elementary/middle school libraries. COM Kerr has decided to provide a copy to the Bunceton, Fayette and New Franklin school districts, if these schools want them. COM DeVenney stated this is a good idea. The chapter will discuss further at the April meeting.

Laura DeVenney stated she is the 1st Vice-President of the Ladies Auxiliary of SAR and she is presently selling raffle tickets at 3 for \$5 for a First ladies Quilt. She further reported that the DeVenney's granddaughter Ann just completed her term as the President of Missouri CAR and through her project of selling PAWS FOR PATRIOTS from which the funds were to purchase comfort dogs for veterans, made it so two dogs could be purchased and with the money still coming in, it looks like a third will be purchased as well.

Vice-President Reynolds stated that it would be worthwhile project to locate Patriot's graves and mark them, much as is being done in the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Program

There being no new business, Vice-President called on Dyna Bischof of the Daughters of the American Revolution to present the program on the History of Rosyln Heights. Rosyln Heights is the State Headquarters of the DAR. The MSSDAR purchased Rosyln Heights in 1983. It was built in 1895 and is Queen Anne architecture.

The building is on the National Register of Historic Places. The MSSDAR annual Christmas Open House is held there in December, and the annual Flag Day Picnic is held there the second weekend of June.

Mrs. Bischof handed out a quiz which had eight photos of partial items found in the home, and the attendees had four choices from which to choose what the photo was a part of the item of. Once given some time to make their guesses, Mrs. Bischof explained to us what the correct answers were. One was a part of the Ornamental Colonnade outside the house, and we were shown a photo of that. Another was a part of the Wallpaper Covering. She showed a photo of the door which has WTJ etched in it. Those were the initials of Wilbur T. Johnson, who, along with his wife Rhoda Stephens Johnson, lived in the home.

Another item she showed was photos of were the Front Parlor Chandelier, which is original to the house and the Fireplace Woodwork made of Honduras Mahogany. The fireplace is a coal-burning fireplace There is a portrait by George Caleb Bingham of Elisha Stanley located in the front parlor. Other items she showed included an Antique Album which is upstairs, and a needlepoint portrait of George Washington done in the 1800's, which is located on the second floor stairway wall.

Another item was a fireplace tile, which was found in the fireplace in Mrs. Johnson's Sitting Room. It was from this room the business of the home was conducted. There is a wig dresser, which was from Dr. John Sappington, the inventor of quinine as a malaria treatment.

The State Regent's bedroom is upstairs, where the MSSDAR State Regent stays when she is in town. It is fashioned like Lincoln's bedroom, and there is an alcove dressing room, which is like a walk-in closet. When the Johnson's had an overflow of visitors, their daughter would sleep in this alcove.

The Red Bedroom upstairs was William Jr's room and the Blue Bedroom was the housekeeper's room and now is the State Curator's Room.

The bathroom on the second floor is in the same modernity as it was in 1895. When MSSDAR purchased the home, the paneling in this room was removed revealing a painted mural by the original artist who painted the ceiling downstairs in this room present there.

There is a stairway to the basement floor, and on the it is a Cast Iron/Gas Grater Façade, a ballroom and children's playroom. The playroom is called the HODAR room (Husbands of DAR), where they can congregate.

There is a lift available to make access to the second floor possible to those who need it. This does not extend to the third floor. Tours can be arranged by contacting MSSDAR. A meeting for our chapter can also be arranged for there with or without a lunch.

At the end of the presentation, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mrs. Bischof.

Genealogy Report

A short genealogy report was presented by COM Kerr: Mr. Lehenbauer's application is at National awaiting decision; Mr. Raines' application is to be sent back by the State Genealogist to COM Thomas and his wife Nancy; Mr. Butler was present at the meeting and signed his application and gave his check to be sent to the State Genealogist.

The following applications are being worked on by COM Thomas and his wife Nancy: Charles Lee and James Lee: these will be completed together and sent it together, nearing completion; Matt Montie: applicant has sent more information; COM Strader supplementals have been given by COM DeVenney to COM Thomas and his wife Nancy; Buff Chance's application: he has sent information and more is forthcoming.

The following applications are being worked on by COM Reynolds: The three applications of Mr. Krause's grandsons; John Bates' new application; the supplemental of J. Y. Miller.

COM Kerr has the following three new applications: William Nix, Hank Hammons, and Robert Hill. COM Kerr's goal is to have these ready to send in by the April chapter meeting.

Closing:

The being no further business, Vice-President Reynolds called on Chaplain Merrill to give the benediction and for COM Woodward to lead the SAR Recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am

Respectfully submitted,

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