

**The M. Graham Clark Chapter
Missouri Society
The Sons of the American Revolution
23 January 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 8:34 am. by Vice-President Reynolds, who presided in the absence of President Chance. The meeting was a week later than the usual meeting, as the Country Club of Missouri was closed during the regularly scheduled meeting date.

The Color Guard posted the colors, and COM Foltz led in the Pledge of Allegiance, COM Butler led the SAR Pledge and Chaplain Merrill gave the Invocation. There were 20 members and 10 visitors present. Visitors of note were Chris Campbell, the Executive Director of the Boone County Historical Society, the speaker of the program; Mike Dorlac, an applicant for membership, and his wife; and Randall Myer, another prospective member.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m. for breakfast.

Reconvened: The meeting reconvened at 9:13 a.m. and Vice-President Reynolds asked if there were any birthdays for the month of January. Com Foltz's wife Sharon stated their son Christopher, who is a member of the chapter, had a birthday this month. COM DeVenney stated his son Steven, also a member of the chapter, had a birthday this month.

New Member Installation: At this point Vice-President Reynolds asked for William Stone and his wife Janice to come forward for Mr. Stone's installation as a member. COM DeVenney swore COM Stone in and Mrs. Stone placed the Rosette on her husband's lapel. COM Stone stated this was very special to him as he was learning more about his father's side of the family, which was not available to him when he was younger as his father never talked about his family.

Program: At this point, Vice-President introduced the speaker, Chris Campbell, the Executive Director of the Boone County Historical Society (BCHS).

Mr. Campbell stated BCHS was formed in 1924 by 18 men. He stated they also have a museum and he would be talking about the areas of service BHCS is involved in. BCHS has an art gallery named Montminy Art Gallery, which is the largest art gallery in Columbia not associated with the University of Missouri.

They also have Boone Village, which is on the outside of the building, to the south. There are four Boone County historical buildings located there and they are restored to their period/era in which they were built.

The Society also hosts a Concert Series, in which every eight weeks there is a concert of various music genres. The Society owns the nine-foot long piano, which was Blind Boone's custom made piano. At every concert child gets to play this piano. These concerts are free to the public.

Another activity the Society sponsors is a Meet the Author series, which is done every month. Authors are brought in from as far away that the authors will come. Harold's Donuts helps sponsor these meeting. The next Meet the Author is scheduled for February 20.

The Boone County & Central Missouri Genealogy Society is housed at the Society's building and they have a wide array of documentation and books for Boone County researchers to utilize in researching their families.

The Society also has Historic Galleries and the present attraction there is an "I remember Columbia Missouri" wherein items and photos from the 1930's and 1940's are presented. Some of the photos are mural sized. Admission is free to the Art and Historic Galleries.

Of particular note, Mr. Campbell discussed Maplewood House. There is an extensive revamping of this historic house underway. The Columbia City Council has, after much discussion in which COM Charles Lee, a Board Member at BCHS, requested a contribution from the Council, appropriated \$150,000 to make repairs that have not been done since 1976. This will include an updated and improved ventilation system, which will help ensure the building's continued usage. The repairs are for function; not looks. Mr. Campbell stated Lenoir Manor just made a generous donation of antique items to be placed in Maplewood House. Maplewood is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Campbell stated information about BCHS and their various programs, and historic buildings, are available on the revamped website of the Society, located at <http://boonehistory.org/>. The Society also has a Face book page and is on twitter. The Society is getting a larger footprint on Social media, making the Society better-well known. One other item Mr. Campbell stated was they have hired professional staff for the office manager position and accountant.

Following the presentation, there was a brief question and answer period. It was asked when Maplewood House was built, and Mr. Campbell stated in 1877. Another question was if the various county historical societies interact with each other. Mr. Campbell said this was an area, which can be improved upon. He said BCHS interacts quite a bit with Audrain County Historical Society and is reaching out for the time being to various towns' historic societies. He said after this is done, and then there can be more interaction with area county historical societies.

COM Charles Lee said the Mr. Campbell, who has been in this position for a few months over a year now, is doing a great job.

Mr. Campbell then had a series of trivia questions, and those who answered correctly could win a 25th anniversary Polo Shirt, of which he had 6.

COM Jones won a shirt when he correctly answered who the father of the University of Missouri was. COM Charles Lee won a shirt when he correctly answered who Hetzler was—a butcher, meat packer, and Mayor of Columbia in the late 1920's. Vice-President Reynolds won a shirt when he correctly answered 2 of the 3 worldwide figures that received horse training from Tom Bass. Mrs. Lehenbauer mentioned Arthur Simmons and Vice-President Reynolds mentioned William Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt. COM Stuart asked if COM Reynolds did. That received a raucous amount of laughter. Two other people who did get this training were Queen Victoria and Buffalo Bill Cody.

COM Buff Chance won a shirt when he correctly answered who was voted Most Likely to Succeed in the 1936 Class of 1936 from Hickman High School—Sam Walton. The last shirt was won for correctly answering whose name was next to Sam Walton's name on the 1936 State Basketball Championship Trophy –Charlie Dick.

Books for Schools: Vice-President Reynolds then gave an accounting of the progress on the Books for Schools project. To date, we have purchased five books for Fayette and seven for Hallsville. We have also order books for Centralia. Vice-President Reynolds reminded the chapter that we can receive money from members interested in this and he would like to cover the counties of Howard, Boone and Randolph and then go into Audrain and Cooper, and possibly other central Missouri counties. COM Buff Chance asked if there was any indication on the books that the chapter donated these and Vice-President Reynolds stated he had designed a nameplate and had a sheet of these distributed for the attendees to look over. COM Kerr stated Fayette School really liked these.

Vice-President Reynolds further stated that we are expanding the time frame for these books to cover. Initially it was the Revolutionary War but now we are looking at the French and Indian War, when many of the taxes were passed that started the independence thinking, and into the 1790's when the country was still young. Vice-President Reynolds also stated any donations can be given to COM Coutts, the chapter Treasurer.

Secretary Report: Vice-president Reynolds then called upon COM Kerr to give the Secretary Report. The report was briefly reviewed and Mrs. Maring mentioned that on page 6 of the December 2015 minutes, second line next-to-last word, it said "Fe" and should be "He". This was noted. COM Merrill motioned, and Vice-President Reynolds, seconded, that the minutes be approved.

Treasurer Report: Vice-President Reynolds then called on COM Coutts to give the Treasurer report. COM Coutts stated that the M. Graham Clark Operations Account balance ending 31 December 2015 was \$1,875.26. This included the following donations for the Books for Schools project: COM Reynolds: \$100, COM Coutts: \$100; and COM Kerr \$20.

The M. Graham Clark Endowment Fund balance on 31 December 2015 was \$13,134.79, of which \$359.60 is in available funds.

COM Foltz motioned and COM Merrill seconded that the Treasurer Report was approved as read.

Genealogy Report: Vice-President Reynolds asked for Nancy Thomas to give the Genealogy Report. She stated there are three new applications at National: John McMurtry, Ian McMurtry, and Brian Bevins. There are 12 supplemental applications at National: 7 for President Chance and 5 for COM Maring. John Bates' new member application is at the State Genealogist.

Brian Burkett's new application was approved 14 January 2016 and COM Stephen's supplemental application was approved 8 January 2016. The chapter is off to a good start and Mrs. Thomas deserved the credit for this fine job.

FOGG Report: Vice-president Reynolds asked COM Kerr to give the FOGG Report. COM Kerr stated this needs to be done by the end of February and there are several items needed. COM DeVenney said he would meet with COM Kerr and go through this with him after the meeting.

Officers for 2016: At this time, Vice-President Reynolds called on COM Coutts, as a part of the Nominating Committee, to read the slate of officers for 2016. This slate of officers is as follows:

President: COM Jack Chance
Vice-President: COM Wayne Reynolds
Immediate Past-President: COM J. Y. Miller II
Secretary: COM Harold Kerr
Treasurer: COM Larry Dietzel
Genealogist/Registrar: COM Ed Thomas
Historian: COM Charles Lee
Chaplain: COM Mark Stuart
Sgt At Arms: COM Jonathan Butler
Trustee 1: COM Lee Woodward
Trustee 2: COM Russ DeVenney
Trustee 3: COM J. Y. Miller II

Vice-President Reynolds asked if there were any members wishing to run for any of these offices. Hearing none, COM DeVenney motioned and COM Foltz seconded, that this slate of officers be accepted by acclamation. The vote carried unanimously.

The swearing in of the slate of officers will be done in the February 2016 meeting, when President Chance and COM Dietzel will be present.

Old Business not covered: Nothing mentioned

New Business:

Nancy Thomas stated there will, be a DAR Grave Marking on 11 June 2016 at the Hurt Cemetery in Randolph County. The time for this has not been determined. Mrs. Thomas suggested Color Guard could be present. This will be discussed further in future meetings.

COM Kerr told the chapter there is a Grave Marking scheduled in March 2016 for the grave of M. Graham Clark and his pilot. This is being done by the Ozark SAR chapter. COM Merrill stated this is still in the planning stage, and it looked like this will be done on 12 March 2016. There is a board meeting on 30 January 2016 and perhaps more information will be discussed there. COM Kerr will keep the chapter up to date on this. It would be good to have as many chapter members as possible attend this, since our chapter is named in Dr. Clark's honor.

Closing: There being no further business, Vice-President Reynolds called on the Color Guard to retire the colors. COM Cook led in the SAR Recessional and Chaplain Merrill gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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