

## **M. Graham Clark Chapter Meeting Minutes 18 May 2019**

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President Charlie Lee. There were 18 members and 9 visitors present for a total of 27. (see list attached)

As there was no Color Guard present, the flags were previously placed. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Compatriot Jim Lee, the Pledge to the SAR was led by Compatriot Jack Chance and the Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Hiles.

**Draping of the Charter:** The Charter was Draped in Memory of Compatriot Alfred Jones, who passed away 20 April 2019. His funeral was attended by several chapter members. Compatriot Terrill Jones thanked the chapter for their condolences during this time of loss and that his father was very proud of his SAR membership and enjoyed very much the fellowship of the organization. Compatriot J. Y. Miller related that he learned recently that Compatriot Jones's West Point ring would be taken to West Point Military Academy and be melted down to be included in the forming of the rings for the upcoming graduating class. Compatriot Terrill Jones stated his mother's ring would also be done in that regard. Compatriot Kerr stated he had made copies of the Memorial service pamphlet from the recent MOSSAR Convention and distributed them, to illustrate that Compatriot Alfred Jones was the last person listed and fellow M. Graham Clark Compatriot Randall Meyer, who passed about a year ago, was the first listed. Compatriot J. Y. Miller encouraged those who had not already done so to read Compatriot Alfred Jones's obituary which is on the chapter website.

**Guests:** President Lee then asked for guests to be introduced. Compatriot Raymond Miller stated his grandson, Trevor Miller, was present and will be inducted. Compatriot Terrill Jones introduced his wife Debbie, who has been to previous meetings. Compatriot Hank Hammonds introduced his wife Valerie who also has been to previous meetings.

**Birthdays:** President Lee asked for birthdays or May. Compatriot Robert Bartlett's birthday was today (May 18<sup>th</sup>), his wife Priscilla's birthday was in May and also Mary Elsie Miller, Compatriot J. Y. Miller's wife's, birthday was in May. Compatriot Harold Kerr's birthday was on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The chapter then sang a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" to the honored people.

**Adjournment:** The meeting then adjourned for breakfast at 8:42 am.

**Reconvened:** At 9:10 am the meeting reconvened. President Lee asked Compatriot Kerr to introduce the speaker, James M. Denny:

James M. (Jim) Denny was a historian with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for thirty-three years before retiring in November 2009. He received his education at the University of Missouri, where he earned B.A. and M.A. Degrees in American history. He is co-author, with James D. Harlan, of the Atlas of Lewis and Clark in Missouri, and co-author, with John Bradbury, of The Civil War's First Blood: Missouri 1854 - 1861. He has also published numerous articles on a variety of topics, including historic architecture, Missouri's Civil War, and the Lewis and Clark Expedition in Missouri. He and his wife Sue live in the Missouri River community of Lupus.

Mr. Denny's presentation was about the War of 1812 in the Boonslick. He started by describing what was meant by the "Boonslick" utilizing maps of the area. He said the Cooper family settled in the area in 1808 and the Cole Family did so in 1810. The Territory of Missouri in 1813 had primarily Sac and Fox Indians and William Clark was the Territorial Governor. Clark instructed the militia to attack Black Hawk in Prairie Du Chien and the white people were pretty much drubbed in this endeavor. One problem with the Indians of the time was that some were on the side of the Americans and some were on the side of the British, and since the Indians had families on both sides it was doubly difficult to determine just who was who.

Clark wanted the Coopers to move to Loutre Island for their protection but they did not want to do so. All they asked for was more gun powder and they would go about defending themselves.

The actual fighting in the Boonslick area in the War of 1812 started in 1814 when two men by the name of Todd and Smith were killed in April of that year. The settlers then started building their forts. There was Cole Fort on the South side of the Missouri River near where Boonville is now located, as well as several forts north of the river by the names of Hempstead, Cooper, and other family names. The whites did not live continuously in these forts since the living conditions were very hard. They were cramped, smelly and uncomfortable.

There were no Indian "armies" in the area, only small bands of Indians that would attack and leave the area. The next white person killed was named Jim Smith who was killed in July 1814, then Campbell Bolen in the same month near Kincaid's Fort.

In September 1814 General Henry Dodge was sent to the area after Benjamin and Sarshal Cooper asked Governor Clark for help. When the Dodge Expedition arrived, they found nothing to do. Why were we there? That was the question they asked. They couldn't attack the Indians for fear they would attack friendly Indians. So, they ended up attacking Miami Indians near the town of Miami. They killed several of the Indians and brought their belongings back to the forts in the Boonslick. While rifling through these belongings they found items that belonged to some of the killed white people mentioned before. People wanted to go on a killing spree of the Indians and Dodge basically said if you do that he would kill Benjamin Cooper. Cooler heads prevailed.

William McCain was killed in October 1814. This was in keeping with the general pattern: The whites would stay in the forts, then after a couple months leave and someone would be killed so they would go back into the forts. In 1815 "Negro Joe" was killed up by present day Fayette. Joseph Sill took some settlers and went after the Indians who killed Negro Joe. A skirmish happened where one Indian and one settler were killed.

In what was probably the sorriest killing of the whole affair was when Sharshal Cooper was killed. He was the younger brother of Benjamin Cooper. Mr. Denny stated where, while Benjamin was somewhat of a "hot-head", Sarshal had a calming effect on him. Sharshal was killed while actually in his fort eating.

Overall, there were about 14 total whites killed during the War of 1812 in the Boonslick, and all were isolated events.

In 1816 Clark brought Black Hawk to a treaty which the whites in the Boonslick hated and they in turn helped defeat Clark in his reelection. Clark later became the Head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and he died in 1838. He helped bring about 37 Indian Treaties.

After a short Q&A, Compatriot Kerr presented Mr. Denny with an Outstanding Citizenship Award for his Lifetime of Researching and Teaching American History.

**Induction of New Members:**

President Lee then asked Trevor Miller to come forward with his grandfather Compatriot Raymond Miller. Trevor was inducted as a junior member and Compatriot Miller placed the Rosette on Compatriot Trevor Miller's shirt.

Robert Miller, Compatriot Raymond Miller's son and Trevor's father, was unable to attend, so President Lee gave his membership Certificate to Raymond to give to Robert.

**Supplemental:** President Lee then gave Compatriot John Coutts his Supplemental Certificate and Compatriot Robert Bartlett a Supplemental Star. Compatriot Bartlett shared a little about the Patriot, Joseph Smith, for whom he received this star.

**Announcements:** President Lee shared some announcements;

1. He read a thank you note from Compatriot J. Wayne Merrill for all the hard work that went into making the recent MOSSAR Convention a success. Compatriot Merrill was unable to attend the meeting so he sent the email.
2. President Lee said he had gotten several positive comments about the convention. Compatriot JY Miller and Jack Chance stated the same.
3. President Lee read a short message from MOSSAR President James Osbourn that Color Guard Commander Doug Neff has stepped down in that capacity and Osbourne is stepping into that position temporarily.
4. President Lee read the Chapter awards M. Graham Clark Chapter received at the recent convention: participation in Flag Certificates, Participation in Fogg Report and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Americanism. He gave the certificates to Compatriot Breedlove as Historian for safekeeping.
5. Compatriot Kerr shared that on 10 August the Center for Missouri Studies will be having their Grand Opening Ceremonies. As we get closer to that date Ker said he would remind people. This is the new place for the old State Historical Society of Missouri.

**New Member Awards:** President Lee asked Compatriot J Y Miller to come forward to present the Quality Member Awards to new members who have achieved the goals as set forth in the Mentor Program.

Compatriots David Bartlett and Russell Reith were given the lapel pins for this award. Great job!

**Reports:** President Lee then asked for the following reports:

1. Secretary: Compatriot Kerr told people about the Minutes from the April meeting being on the tables, reminding them they are posted on the website. After a few minutes, Compatriot Hiles made motion to approve and Compatriot David Bartlett seconded. Unanimously approved.
2. Genealogy Report: Compatriot Coutts said there are several in process, still needing a few things. Compatriot Kerr stated he is helping a young man with a C.A.R. application and this needs a few items yet as well.
3. Eagle Scout: Compatriot Jim Lee said there was nothing to report.

4. ROTC/JROTC: President Lee stated he still desires a Chair for this. He said he attended the Army ROTC event at MU but the awardee there was ill and not able to attend. He said he has the name of the Missouri Military Academy awardee, Devonte Knight. Compatriot Kerr stated these names are all needed for the Americanism form and all have been received for this year.
5. Americanism/President General Streamer Award: Compatriot Kerr reminded people to let him know if anything they do might be eligible for points for this and that these items are now on the website, per the request last month of Compatriot David Bartlett, and that Compatriot Kerr emailed these out as well since the April meeting.

**50/50:** Compatriot J. Y. Miller then read the winning number. The winner was Compatriot Jim Lee, for \$14.00. He instructed the winnings be given to the chapter.

**Convention:** President Lee then started the discussion about the Convention which the chapter hosted April 26-27, 2019. Overall, the event was a success. Compatriot J. Y. Miller and Compatriot Jack Chance stated the hotel did a fine job. Compatriot Kerr thanked everyone for the hard work put into the event. Our chapter had 26 people attend (15 members, 10 wives and 1 sister) and by far had the largest representation of the 96 total attendees.

Treasurer Gil Stone stated we cleared \$3295.00 of which 50% is to be sent to MOSSAR. He asked for a motion to do this and Harold Kerr made the motion, J. Y. Miller seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Compatriot Kerr stated the hotel waived about \$800 of the minimum on the food requirement on the contract. This was greatly appreciated. Kerr has expressed this to the hotel. Compatriot Kerr stated he needs to make a report to the MOSSAR Board at the July meeting and the check needs to be sent by 1 June to Courtney Sloan which Compatriot Stone already was aware of.

**Treasurer's Report:** Compatriot Stone then gave the Treasurer's Report. He stated the figures are rather large due to the funds of the convention being in with the regular funds. Overall, the total assets of the chapter are \$21, 625.70—of which \$12,856.22 is the Money Market Fund; \$8,409.48 is the Checking and Cash on hand is \$60.00. Once the check is sent to MOSSAR that will be reduced \$1647.50.

Compatriot Stone then discussed the Dues Paying process. He stated dues need to be paid in November only to simplify the procedure. Compatriot Kerr asked about paying early and he said “no”. He also said we need to only pay for one year at a time and if people are paying for others' then to include a note saying for whom the checks are. It is much preferred to pay by check in order to create a traceable paper trail.

The issues of paying dues one year at a time and process regarding others paying for dues are valid. [EDITOR'S NOTE: The recommendation RE early dues payments will be taken under advisement by the Executive Committee and may not be implemented, due to other considerations.]

**Summer Hiatus:** It is the chapter's usual process to have a summer hiatus. As a result, President Lee asked if this would be within the chapter's desires. Compatriot J. Y. Miller made the motion for the chapter to go on summer hiatus through June, July and August 2019 and return to meet on 21 September 2019. Compatriot John Coutts seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, President Lee ask Compatriot Breedlove to lead in the SAR Recessional and Chaplain Hiles to give the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold H. Kerr II, Secretary

RSVP. & ATTENDANCE. MAY 2019

Harold Kerr II	Kerr 1 plus speaker 1 for 2 total	Jim Denny-Speaker
Charles Lee	Charles Lee 1	
J. Y. Miller	J. Y. Miller. 2	
Jim Lee	James Lee 1	
<del>Mitchell Moore</del>	<del>Mitchell Moore 1</del>	DID NOT ATTEND
Hank & Val	Hank Hammons two	
Dylan Hiles	Hiles 2 X 1	
Russell Reith	Rusty Reith 1	
Gilmore Stone	Gil Stone - 1	
Michael Breedlove	Michael Breedlove, 1 breakfast	
William Krause	Krause 1 breakfast	
Terrill Jones	Terrill D. Jones 2.	
Virgil Raines	Virgil Raines 2	
<del>W. E. Bullard</del>	<del>W. E. Bullard 2</del>	DID NOT ATTEND
Ray Miller@socket.net	Raymond Miller 3	
John H. Coutts	John Coutts 1	
David V. Bartlett	David Bartlett X 1	
Bartlett, Bob	Bob Bartlett. 2	
Miller, T.	Trevor Hance Miller 1	
Chance, Jack	Jack Chance. 2	
Hogue, Darrell	Darrell Hogue NO Breakfast	
19 members attended	27 meals eaten - 30 Guaranteed	