

## **Minutes of Meeting 23 November 2024**

### **M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR**

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Hiles at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Room of American Legion Post 202 located at 3669 Legion Lane, Columbia, MO 65201: <http://americanlegionpost202.org/>

There was no color guard. The American Flag is perpetually posted in the Memorial Room where we meet.

Chaplain Samuel Thomas offered the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hiles. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM Hank Hammons, Leslie Fowler, and Stephanie Thomas.

A total of 23 members and guests were in attendance. See appended list.

Guests were introduced and included wives Waylene Hiles, Linda Coutts, Ruth Miller, Val Hammons, Leslie Fowler, Stephanie Thomas, and Special Friend of the Chapter: Dr. William Krause.

At 9:02, President Hiles announced a break for breakfast served in the ballroom. The menu was pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and beverages for \$12, provided by the VFW and paid individually by members.

President Hiles reconvened the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

COM Luke Lucas and wife Kathryn Anne celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 12.

COM Raymond Miller and wife Ruth celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 14.

#### **Notable dates** – November 5, 2024-General Election Day

November 11-Veterans Day : COM Charlie Lee attended ceremony at Boone County Courthouse and COM Alan Hiles gave a program on the “St. Louis Browns” at the Primrose Retirement Center.

COM J. Y. Miller presented a program to the Altrusa Club of Sedalia on “Washington At Valley Forge” on Monday, 18 NOV and will present to the Moberly DAR Chapter later today on “The Battle of Glasgow”.

Treasurer Paul Whatley handed out copies of the Treasurer's report and reminded members that any member could request to look at the books by contacting him. COM J.Y. Miler Moved to "...thank the Treasurer and to file the report for audit." COM DeVenney seconded. Motion passed. Consistent with MGC policy, the Treasurer's report is not on the web page, but may be requested by any member.

COM Whatley also suggested the Chapter become a Life Member of the **Friends of the SAR Library** at a one-time cost of \$1,000 (Informational brochure attached.) COM J.Y. Miller moved the Chapter do so and COM Russell Devenney seconded.

After discussion, COM Mitchell Moore expressed support for the motion and moved, as a friendly amendment, that the motion be tabled and put on the agenda for the next meeting to give members sufficient advanced notice, due to the significant amount of money involved. COM J. Y. Miller seconded the motion. Amendment and primary motion passed.

COM Russell DeVenney encouraged members to consider contributing to the **George Washington Endowment Fund** to support NSSAR projects. Brochure attached.

COM Moore announced the minutes of the previous meeting are on the webpage. No corrections were suggested by members. President Hiles pronounced the minutes accepted.

COM John Coutts announced Brian Philips' application had been approved. Five applications have been sent to National for approval. Eight other applications are in the earlier stages of the process. And a Supplement for COM Fred Blanco is closer to being approved as National is catching up with its backlog. Genealogy Report of November 23, 2024 is attached.

COM Wayne Merrill reported that he participated in uniform in the Apple Festival parade with the DAR in Versailles, MO as part of the celebrations of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He also attended a grave marking in Farmington and Sweet Springs. On December 8, 2024, COM Merrill plans to attend the DAR hosted "Lights of Love" event in Boonville, MO. <https://missourilife.com/light-up-christmas-cheer/>

COM Hank Hammons' gave a slideshow presentation on the Steamboat Arabia. <https://www.1856.com/arabia-story>.

COM Hammons recounted the fascinating story of the Missouri River steamboat which perished in 1856 and was carefully recovered in 1988. There is now a large museum in Kansas City displaying parts of the boat and its cargo. <https://www.1856.com/> COM Hammons described very recently discovered research that showed the steamboat ran aground on a sandbar and prior to it being able to be freed, the sand beneath the steamboat was eroded away by the river and the boat sank too deep to recover at the time.

The treacherous waters of the Missouri River limited the lifespan of steamboat to an average of 2-3 years; less than the 4–5 year average lifespan of a steamboat on the Mississippi River.

In 1988, 132 years after its sinking, interest in recovering the steamboat was renewed and extensive excavation work was conducted to bring it out of the field from which it lay buried.

The contents of the boat are now displayed in the museum and resemble an 1856 department store with a wide variety of items, well preserved due to being buried in a cool place with little oxygen. COM Hammons shared many pictures of the items and described the challenges of recovering and preserving the items.

COM Hammons' highly recommended the museum in Kansas City.

The 50-50 drawing for \$15 was picked by COM Drayton Shepherd and was won by COM Alan Hiles.

The Chapter needs to designate a member with the task of keeping track of points. We also need an Eagle Scout chairman.

COM J.Y. Miller will give a presentation at the December meeting entitled, "Silent Night." We need program volunteers.

MOSAR officers will visit and present programs in the first months of 2025.

Members are reminded that the Chapter has its own Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MGCSAR1776> and now a LinkedIn page; and also a video of highlights of this year.

Members are reminded about Youth Protection Certification and members can go to the website at: <https://www.sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training> The online program is free and all members are encouraged to complete the program and be certified as soon as possible.

A variety of online informational and orientation programs and courses are available via the SAR website at: <https://www.sar.org/courses/>

Of further interest may be the Official Handbook of the SAR, updated in 2022:

<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/NSSAR-Handbook-Volume-IV-06-Feb-2022.pdf>

Our Chapter website is at: <http://www.mgcsar.org/>

The next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **December 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** at the American Legion Post 202 located at 3669 Legion Lane, Columbia, MO 65201: <http://mgcsar.org/legion.html>

There was no Color Guard; and the Stars and Stripes are permanently in place at the American Legion in each meeting room.

The SAR recessional was then led by COM Hank Hammons followed by the closing prayer offered by Chaplain Samuel Thomas.

Meeting adjourned by President Hiles  
at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore

Secretary

RSVP 23 NOV 2024

Coutts, John & Linda	2	
DeVenney, Russ	1	
Duncan, Victor	1	
Fowler, Gary & Leslie	2	
Hammonds, Hank & Val	2	
Hiles, Alan & Waylene	2	
Lee, Charles	1	
Lee, Jim	1	
Lucan, Luke	1	
Lucas, Luke	1	
Merrill, J. Wayne	1	
Miller, J. Y.	1	
Miller, Raymond & Ruth	2	
Moore, Mitchell	1	
Shepherd, Drayton	1	
Thomas, Samuel & Stephnie	2	
Whatley, Paul	1	
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Genealogy Report November 23, 2024

**Approved:**

Brian Philips 11-1

**At National**

Damien Wilhelm 9-3

Terrell Stamps 9-3

Ewell Lawson 8-28

Randall Palmer 10-4

Fred Bianco supplement

**At State**

Gary Fowler

Kevin Summers

**Working on several applications**

Matt Freihofer – out to be signed

Jordan Shikles -out to be signed again

James Dixon – 2 b/c & 2 d/c will get soon

Tony Smee – connect 3 generations and one d/c

Brad Funk – one connection brick wall

Christopher Mathis – 2 connections

Jim Clark new, have contacted

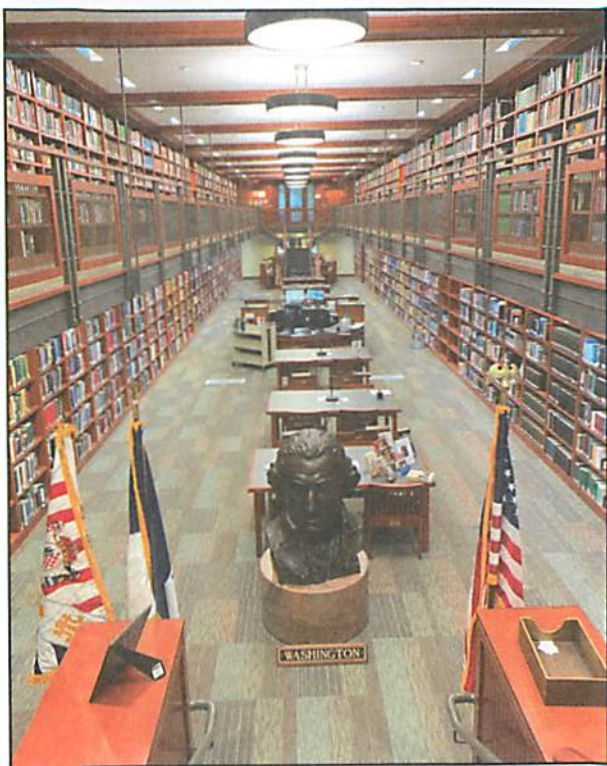
Johnny Hendren – one generational connection and one b/c

Supplement for Blake Frevert – one connection

**Pended:**

## WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY?

The Library's holdings include family history books; records of states, counties, and cities that composed the original 13 colonies (Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia.); Revolutionary War-period history books, biographies, pension applications, muster rolls, etc.; census records (available in various formats); and much more.



In February 2019, the SAR Genealogical Research Library was designated a *FamilySearch Affiliate Library* by FamilySearch International. This cooperative agreement grants our patrons access to 350+ million *additional* images of original records and documents. FamilySearch International is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

## SAR Library Then and Now

The need to establish a Library for the SAR was recognized in the 1889 Constitution for the acquisition and preservation of Revolutionary War records, documents, and relics. An office was established in 1926 in Washington, D.C. headquarters which contained the "permanent records of the Society membership and genealogical library." The SAR Genealogical Research Library opened its doors on South Fourth Street in 1979 and was moved to its West Main Street location in 2010.

### Service at a Distance

Today, a growing number of books and other materials in the Library collections are available on computers outside of the Library. The Library staff members are enhancing the catalog records and many now include the **full text books**.

Check the catalog by going to [www.sar.org/sar-library-catalog](http://www.sar.org/sar-library-catalog) or scanning:



NO LOGIN REQUIRED TO SEARCH THE CATALOG

The Library's growth depends upon cash gifts as well as donations of materials. Donors should check the Library catalog to ensure the item is not a duplicate or check with the Librarian. A donor gift form is available at the Library and at Society meetings.

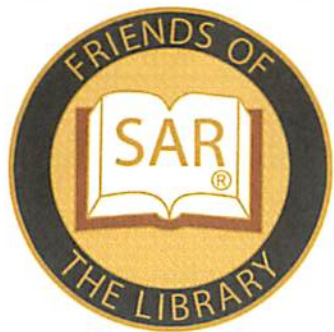


## Friends of the SAR Library



**National Society  
Sons of the American Revolution**  
809 W. Main Street  
Louisville, KY 40202  
(502) 589-1776  
[www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)

Join Now to Obtain your Friends Lapel Pin!!



(Lapel pins are mailed to you upon joining or may be picked up at the SAR Library.)

There are additional recognition programs of the Library for donations above \$25. These include:

**Benjamin Franklin Subscriber** for gifts of \$300 or more from an individual, Chapter, State Society, or non-SAR organization.

**Library Endowment Fund Contributor** for gifts of \$500 or more.

**Life Friends of the Library** for a contribution of \$1,000 or more.

**Robert Morris Benefactor** for contribution of \$2,000 or more.

*Individuals* who contribute to any of these four recognition programs will be presented the Benjamin Franklin Medal and can print free-of-charge at the Library. Some limitations may apply.

These monetary gifts are also invested by the Society. Benjamin Franklin Subscribers, Life Friends of the Library, and Robert Morris Benefactors monies are deposited in the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund; Endowment Fund Contributor monies are deposited in the Library Endowment Fund.

## Purpose of the Friends of the SAR Library

The Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) was organized to assist the SAR Library in implementing its collection development objectives. These objectives include those books, manuscripts, microforms, and online services as needed to enhance and expand the current collection.

A sub-committee of the National Library and Archives Committee, the Friends consists of the Librarian General, National Library and Archives Committee Chairman, Chairman of the Friends of the SAR Library, the NSSAR Librarian, and State FOL Chairmen. Membership in FOL is yearly and is open to all SAR members, State Societies, Chapters, and the general public.

Membership dues of the Friends are distributed as follows:

- 60% goes into the Library Endowment Fund from which only the interest income may be used by the Library, and,
- 40% goes directly to the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund.

The income from these funds is used to purchase non-budgeted items such as equipment, supplies and new technology, in addition to books, manuscripts and microforms.



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### FRIENDS OF THE SAR LIBRARY APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM (PLEASE PRINT)

MEMBERSHIP: \$25/Year (check payable to "NSSAR") NEW MEMBER APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out this form or donate online by scanning the code on the facing page or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yd7mx77u>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ (If listed, please note that Membership Notices and Renewals will be via email.)

NATIONAL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE SOCIETY: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

Benjamin Franklin Subscriber (\$300 or more)  Library Endowment Fund (\$500 or more)

Life Friends of the Library (\$1,000 or more)  Robert Morris Benefactor (\$2,000 or more)

Please detach and mail with payment to: NSSAR, 809 West Main St., Louisville, KY. 40202

NON-SAR MEMBER (Please check as applicable.)

DAR: \_\_\_\_\_ SR: \_\_\_\_\_ CAR: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE OF SAR MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

While the SAR Genealogical Research Library tries to keep costs as low as possible, a portion of your gift may be used to cover processing and administrative costs.

**Become a George Washington Fellow  
and leave a patriotic legacy for life!**

*Please Print*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

National #: \_\_\_\_\_

State Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions or pledges of \$1000 or more entitles you to be known as a George Washington Fellow.

I desire to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the George Washington Fund as follows:

**Check payment options:**

- \_\_\_\_ \$1000 initial one-time payment by check
- \_\_\_\_ \$ 250 initial payment completed over 4 years
- \_\_\_\_ \$ 200 initial payment complete over 5 years
- \_\_\_\_ \$ 100 initial payment completed monthly over 10 months

(Initial installment to accompany the application.)

**Credit card payment options:**

Same amounts - same time periods for payments  
Go to either of the following links to pay by credit card:  
<http://bit.ly/2seARG5> or  
<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/GWEF>

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATIONS**

Remember, 100% of your tax deductible donation goes into a permanent restricted fund. Gifts may be made by cash, check, credit card, stocks, bonds, or any other financial assets that you may desire to contribute. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Checks should be made payable to:

**GWEF NSSAR**

and given to your local or state GWEF Chairman, or mailed to the:

Executive Director  
NSSAR  
809 W. Main Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

For more information, please contact the GWEF point of contact below or send your inquiry to the National Society at the address on the front.

**SAR – Missouri Society  
M. Graham Clark Chapter**

Russell F. DeVenney, Jr. Treasurer  
P.O. Box 464  
Columbia, MO 65205-0464

**AWARDS**

The Howard F. Horne Award is given annually to the State Society with the largest increase in new GW Fellows as a percentage of the State Society membership. The Walter Buchanan "Buck" Meek Award is given annually to the State society with the largest numerical increase in new GW Fellows. The term of each award is from April 1 to the following March 31. The awards are presented at the Annual Congress.

**George Washington  
Endowment Fund**



*"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."*

*G. Washington*

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## Concept/Purpose

The George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) was established by the Executive Committee and approved by the Trustees during the meeting of February 27, 1993. The fund was created to establish a permanent restricted fund, the income of which would provide annual funding for support of NSSAR unfunded and underfunded committees and special projects. The GWEF is managed by a GWEF Board with responsibility for oversight of all aspects of the George Washington Endowment Fund.

The endowment fund has grown annually to continue support of approved NSSAR activities and projects. The corpus of the fund is never touched. Eighty percent of the earnings are withdrawn each year to support NSSAR projects with twenty percent being rolled back into the corpus each year.

Earnings from the contributions over the years have helped to finance a wide variety of programs and projects. Some recent projects:

- SAR Veterans Recognition Committee: Certificates and Recognition Folders (\$1,500.00)
- Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orations Committee: Congress Breakfast and Finals Video Taping (\$4,000.00)
- Connecticut Society: Beacon Hill Monument Plaque, Fort Wooster Park (\$2,000.00)
- SAR Patriotic Outreach Committee: Certificates & Presentation Folders (\$625.00)
- SAR Public Service & Heroism Committee: 2019 Congress Awards & Commendations Booklet (\$500.00)
- SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution (\$3,000.00)
- Wyoming Society: Wind River Chapter–New Chapter Starter Kit (\$97.99)
- Michigan Society: Col. Joseph B. Westnedge Chapter – New Chapter Starter Kit (\$90.99)
- Tennessee Society: Joseph Greer Chapter–Phase II Completion of Lincoln Co. Court House Recognition of 104 Patriots (\$465.00)
- Alabama Society: American Village Flag Pole Project (\$6,000.00)

## Becoming a George Washington Fellow

Becoming a George Washington Fellow is not limited to SAR members. Spouses, children, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces are all eligible. And once a George Washington Fellow, you are always listed as a George Washington Fellow. Your donation is a perpetual gift which never dies, it is working to support the SAR in perpetuity.

All new George Washington Fellows receive a beautiful gold lapel pin, a certificate acknowledging their status as a GW Fellow, and their name is added to the list of all GW Fellows in the NSSAR Library.



The 2018 Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orations contestants are shown above at the Congress in Houston. The GWEF provided funding for their Congress Breakfast and video taping of the finals.

## The GWEF at Work

The Tennessee Society placed a marker (partial funding by the GWEF) in the Eusebia Presbyterian Church Cemetery listing the names of nineteen Patriots buried there. The Eusebia Presbyterian Church was established in 1794.



In a collaborative effort with the U.S. Park Service, the South Carolina SAR, and \$16,000 from the GWEF, an eight-part series of videos on the Southern Campaign was produced. These outstanding videos are available for viewing at: [www.sctv.org/southern-campaign](http://www.sctv.org/southern-campaign).



The Alabama Society had flagpoles and flags installed at The American Village in Montevallo at a total cost of \$14,000. The GWEF provided funding for this project in the amount of \$6,000. There are bronze plaques in place to recognize the contribution of the Alabama Society and the

GWEF in support of this project. The flagpoles are located just behind a kneeling statue of George Washington on a hill overlooking a replica of the Concord Bridge. Approximately 30,000 school children visit The American Village each year to learn more about the history of this great nation.