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TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION, DENTON CHAPTER #23, TXSSAR INC.®



Next Meeting: Scheduled for **10am July 9, 2022**
at the Denton Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland St .

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President's Message

Summer is a busy season for most of the United States. And as Sons of the American Revolution, we are no exception! The traditional start of Summer is Memorial Day, celebrated each year on

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the last Monday of May. As direct descendants of American patriots, many of our members recognized the sacrifice of those who have fought and died for our great nation through visits to veteran's grave sites (including our nearby DFW National Cemetery), or through civic events recognizing deceased veterans. The sacrifices of our veterans were certainly paid in the recent wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Viet Nam, Korea, World War II, and World War I. But they were also paid in the other wars our nation's soldiers were called to, including the Revolutionary War. Please take the time to remember our patriot ancestors of that war that also paid for our freedoms with their lives.

As a Chapter, we have huge potential to contribute to our Society's purposes: Promoting Patriotism, Preserving American History, and Promoting Education to our Future Generations. We still need to identify potential participants (more than one, please) for the SAR Oration Contest, the SAR Knight Essay Contest, and the SAR Teacher of the Year Contest. If you need a reminder on the qualification for any of these projects, please contact Mike Connelley, *Continued on the next page...*

Brandon Story, me, or the SAR.org website.

We also need to identify programs that will be presented during Chapter meetings that will contribute to Preserving American History and Promoting Education to our Future Generations. If you are aware of a good speaker with an interesting or informative message that falls under one of the Society's three purposes, please let me or Vice President Brandon Story know.

Our Chapter is growing! Chapter Registrar Tom Richards is getting very busy helping prospective members negotiate the intricacies of the application process. The July 9th meeting will welcome two new members, and we have several more in the National Society "pipeline". New members are important from several perspectives. First, with more membership, there are more representatives of the Sons of the American Revolution contributing to the Society goals. Second, new members offer a new perspective on how we can do things better.

Along the lines of new members, Past President Mike Connelley, Billy Rousel, and I attended a "new member orientation" on April 30, 2022. The Denton Chapter hosted this meeting with the Fort Worth Chapter and Arlington Chapter to help new members, and almost new members with sources of information, points of contact, and the opportunity to meet other SAR members outside the Denton Chapter.

Looking ahead to July 4, 2022, we will celebrate our 224th year of independence. It is a good time to renew our recognition of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Our members possess a tremendous depth of knowledge about the American Revolution. We should share that knowledge as we gather with neighbors, friends, and relatives in our 4th of July parades, backyard barbecues, and other celebrations. Please consider sharing accounts of those celebrations through pictures, or better yet through a short article to our newsletter editor, Bill Surlles (wsmerch@gmail.com) about how you celebrate Independence Day 2022.

Please mark your calendar for our next in-person meeting: July 9, 2022, 10:00 am, Emily Fowler Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX 76201.

Chapter President Jim Akers

2022 NSSAR Congress Registration and Delegates Message

Compatriots,

Please see the 2022 Congress Registration information below.

Please let me know via email prior to June 13 if you plan to attend, so I can issue your voting credentials.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mel Oller

Texas SAR Secretary

sec@txssar.org

To get to the registration page.

1. Login in to the SAR webpage.
2. From the homepage select Events at the top of the page.
3. Select 2022 Savannah Ga.
4. Look on the first page for a small box on left side where it says "Registration for Savannah" click that.
5. Click on the wording under the picture of 132nd Annual Congress - Savannah, GA.
6. This will open to the registration page.
7. Please read the special notes in red on this page.

Some things to remember.

Please put in your member number

Please make sure you put in your state society

Please put in if you are a first time attendee

Do not enter anything in the diet or mobility boxes unless you have one. If you enter "none" then we have to go back in and fix the it in the database and that may mean you have to register again if it is your spouse.

Do remember to check the box if your guest is your spouse. This activates the spouse registration fee and it includes the Installation and PGs Banquet in the ticket. If you do not, then you will have to redo your registration or your spouse will not be able to attend the host reception and other events.

The receipt, when you get it will show that you have a charge for the Installation Banquet for your spouse. If you check the total you should not have been charged for that meal. If you were, please email either myself or Kelly Moore and we will look at it before refunding you the amount it charged.

Remember to review the cancellation and reimbursement policy.

Questions: Call Kel ly Moore or Mike Scroggins or myself (708) 756-0363 or email us

Good luck and look forward to seeing you in Savannah.

Paul Callanan

NSSAR Congress Planning Chair

Editor's Note

The Chapter **website** is <https://www.txssar.org/Denton/>. On that site are the back copies of this newsletter, information about the Chapter, and links to the SAR State and National web sites.

We now have a **Facebook page**, www.facebook.com, search for **Denton TX SAR**. Please join and participate.

All of these communication devices take time to maintain. If you would like to help and/or take over one of these, please let me know.

Bill Surles, wsmerch@gmail.com

SAR Youth Protection Act

It is there for a reason

The SAR emphasis on the education of our Nations' youth about the events and importance of the American Revolution War is very important. History must be understood to be appreciated and this can be developed through youth involvement in the various youth scholarship programs. This, by nature, brings many of our members in close contact with participating youth. This interaction should be carefully monitored with the protection of our Nations' youth the paramount goal.

One emphasis of the SAR Organization toward this goal is the SAR youth protection training program. This option is available to members via the National SAR website.

I recall first taking this training session through the website about 4-5 years ago and it was rather straight forward and not complicated to navigate. I have seen and heard from various speakers at the SAR conventions and State meetings that it shouldn't take more than a few minutes of time to complete. I decided it is time for me to do this again and to document my efforts along the way.

On Friday, May 13th; yes, I did it on a Friday the 13th- hope this doesn't turn out to be bad luck. I went to the public Texas SAR website (we all know how to do this) and scrolled down at the bottom of the screen; on the left side of the webpage there is a link for member training. I clicked on that and it immediately takes me to the login for the "Texas SAR private website" which is where this Youth Training link is located.

Now, if you are a chapter member and have been to some meetings and / or attended one of the "new member training sessions" then the Private website is no big mystery. You have the log-in information to get to this website. If not, reach out to a chapter officer or get back to me for this log-in information.

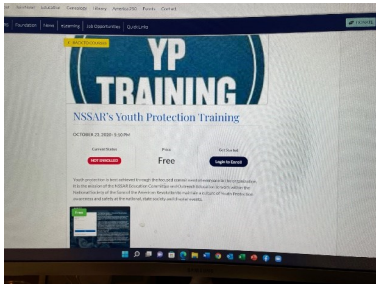
Since the Youth Training site is actually on the SAR National Website, I bypassed the Texas SAR website link and went via the National Website. For new SAR members, you need to set up your own account on the National website. If I recall correctly, when you are finally accepted in the SAR organization, your National SAR number is your initial link to enter and set up your own account. I logged on to my National SAR account looked around on the webpage and went to the "eLearning" page and found the "NSSAR Youth Protection Training" link.

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Click on “Youth protection Strategies” and it should take you to a page entitled “Recognizing Signs of abuse and Neglect”. At this point you will see some dialogue to read and several YouTube videos. The five videos range from 5 minutes 1 minute. Take a look at them in addition to reading the text that comes with each video. Remember, you will take a short 12 question test after going through this material. Obviously, the test questions will be based on this material you are reading. Pay attention to what you see in the videos and what you are reading in the text. Once you finish this lesson contact, there is a button to enter the “YPT quiz” portion.

At that point, 1 of 12 questions came up; each having a yes / no or true / false question. Finish all the questions while the system automatically grades your responses and gives you the certificate (see photo below) at the end. How long does it take? Maybe 15-20 minutes by the time you read the course material, watch the 4 or 5 YouTube videos and then take the 12-question test.

It is important that our chapter members take this course. In September or October of 2022, we will begin again with the Youth scholarship programs offered by the Organization. We want to have positive responses from young people interested in competing in one, or more, of the programs. Their safety in completing any of the SAR youth scholarship programs and interacting with the chapter is most important to us as a chapter. The grading, judging and interaction with the Youth comes from our members: we want this to always be positive and safe for all involved.



A screen shot of the NSSAR Youth Protection Training page on the National SAR website.

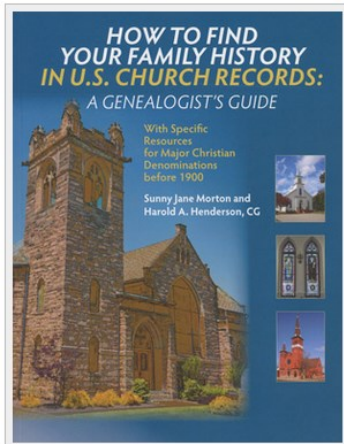


The certificate you print off upon completing the Youth protection training.

Mike Connelley

NEW DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS OFFER CONTEXT AND ROADMAPS TO THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Long before civil records began, church records told the stories of our ancestors. Church records can offer the genealogist a treasure trove of information not found in other documents. Birth dates, maiden or married names, deaths, residences, relationships and more can be found in these important—yet often underutilized—sources.



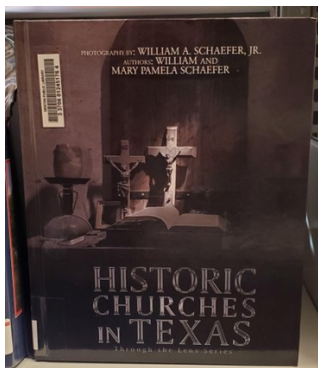
How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records: A Genealogist's Guide, by Sunny Jane Morton and Harold A. Henderson, CG, recently added to DPL Special Collections, takes readers step-by-step through identifying, locating and gaining access to these genealogical treasures.

Part I: Family History Research in Church Records is devoted to discovering which details are included in church records, how to identify an ancestor's church, how to find and order records, tips for using old church records, and more. *Part II: The Denominations* covers the major Christian denominations prior to 1900 in the U.S.—From Baptist to Methodist, Quaker to Congregational—and everything in between. The book is chock-full of links to useful religious record websites and resources, and introduces non-traditional records such as congregational histories, minister's records, financial reports, and others where an ancestor might be found.

This slim volume is an easy read and a terrific resource for anyone with Christian ancestors in the U.S. I definitely dog-eared many pages for future reference in my research, and I'll bet you will too.

OTHER NEW BOOKS ON RELIGION IN TEXAS

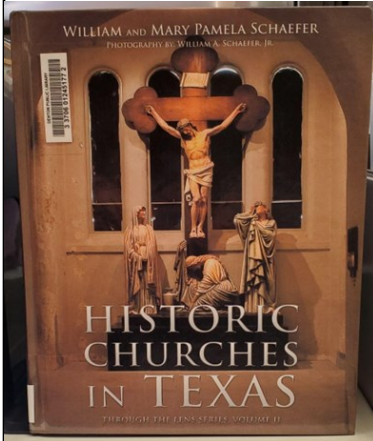
Two new additions to the DPL Special Collections bookshelves offer a glimpse of over 250 historic Texas churches, photographed over the course of ten years by author/photographer William A. and Mary Pamela Schaefer.



Historic Churches in Texas: Through the Lens Series (2018) documents over 180 Texas churches of every denomination from Baptist to Roman Catholic, Presbyterian to non-denominational. It offers a glimpse into the struggle of Native American, Mexican and Anglo-American and European immigrant cultures trying to coexist, and of circuit-riding preachers crisscrossing Texas, bringing the Protestant word of God to the people in a land where, prior to Texas's independence, only Catholicism was legal.

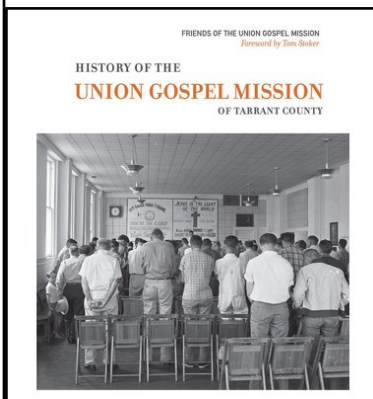
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THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS, continued



Historic Churches in Texas: Through the Lens Series, Volume II (2020) documents 172 additional Texas churches, arranged by denomination and then by the oldest established congregation to the newest.

If you have Texas roots, gain valuable religious context for the lives of your Lone Star ancestors - perhaps the church where they worshiped is profiled in one of these books.



History of the Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County by David Murph (2015), takes an inspiring look at the Mission which cared for and housed prostitutes, cowboys, and drifters in the 1800s, to the 1900s when it transformed more by the message of Jesus Christ's saving grace, to its present campus expansion and partnerships to help not only the homeless but all those in need.

Search the catalog www.library.cityofdenton.org or visit the Special Collections at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland, Denton Texas to find these and many other resources to help you with your family history research. For assistance email genealogy@cityofdenton.com or call (940)349-8752.– Nancy Gilbride Casey

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