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



Next Meeting: 10am January 14, 2023

LOCATION THIS TIME:

Emily Fowler Public Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton

Chapter Officers

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Opportunities

1. Jan. 14: Denton chapter meeting
2. March 16-17: DAR State Conference
3. March 18: Patriot James Lemmon Grave Marking,
4. Mar 30-Apr 2 Texas SAR Annual Spring Convention

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Chapter President Jim Akers Message:

We hope this newsletter finds you well, and we hope that the New Year will reward you with health and happiness. We have had a busy few months at the Denton Chapter, with a range of exciting events and developments to share with you.

First, we are thrilled to inform you of the Denton Chapter's participation in the Wreaths Across America event on December 17. As near as we can tell, Denton SAR members participated in wreath laying in at least three separate cemeteries.

We are now entering a new year for our Youth Programs. Now is the time to begin identifying potential applicants for the Knight Essay Contest, the Oration Contest, and the new Video Contest. Rodney Hess, a History Teacher at Ryan High School in the Denton ISD has agreed to be

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our applicant for the Teacher of the Year Contest. Mr. Hess is a dynamic personality, who has previously been the winner of the DAR History Teacher of the Year Contest. If you are aware of anyone that would be a good candidate for any of these contests, please let one of our Chapter officers know. We can always use more contestants, even for the History Teacher of the Year. Details on these contests can be found at <https://www.sar.org/youth-awards-contests/>.

Each of these activities come with potential financial incentives, but just the honor and prestige of being a first-place winner in a Sons of the American Revolution patriotic contest is a great resume builder.

We have also been working on organizing our programs and identifying speakers for the coming year, as well as other activities that you, our members, wish to participate in. We are ready to finalize the details, but would like to have suggestions for speakers or topics from the membership. If you are aware of local speakers or topics about the Revolutionary War, or other patriotic topics, please let me, or one of our chapter officers know.

If you have a patriot ancestor with a particularly interesting history, I encourage you to celebrate that ancestor. Sometimes we are not able to prove to SAR standards that we are descended

from an ancestor, but we should still celebrate and honor that ancestor. I have an ancestor that fought at the battle of Brandywine, but I just can't make a documented connection two generations later. But it still makes an interesting story as I continue to research that missing link.

Finally, I would like to remind all members, potential members, and guests that our quarterly meeting is coming up on Saturday, January 14th. At this meeting, a member of the Van Zandt Chapter will discuss muskets used in the fight for independence.

The Dallas Chapter is hard at work organizing the next Patriot grave marking ceremony. The Patriot is James Lemon, who is buried in the Old Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas. The date has not been set, but for planning purposes, March seems about right. If you have an interest in helping with this activity, please contact Compatriot Bill Watts (bill_watts@att.net). Please consider "pencil in" this event to your March calendar.

Mark your calendar for our next in-person meeting: **January 14, 2023, 10:00 am** at the **Emily Fowler Public Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX 76201**, and thank you for your continued support of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Ron Akers, Denton Chapter President

The following message is from Bill Watts of the Dallas Chapter.

Please respond directly to Bill at bill_watts@att.net if you are interested.

Compatriots,

We have another opportunity **to mark a Patriot's grave in North Texas**. We are in the process of organizing a committee and setting a date for the ceremony.

This email is to invite the North Texas Chapters who are close to the cemetery in Lancaster County, Texas to participate in this Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony. As the president, in-coming president, color guard commander, etc... we need volunteers to help with the planning and execution of this event. If I have missed anyone please let me know and I'll send them a copy of this email.

If any of you would like to volunteer to serve on the committee to mark Patriot James Lemmon buried in Old Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster County, Texas please contact me and I'll put you on our committee Zoom list.

The date has not been set as of this time but we are wanting to mark his grave in March. Please inform your chapter.

Thank you for your service,
Best regards,
Bill Watts, Chairman North Texas Patriots Grave Committee

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.

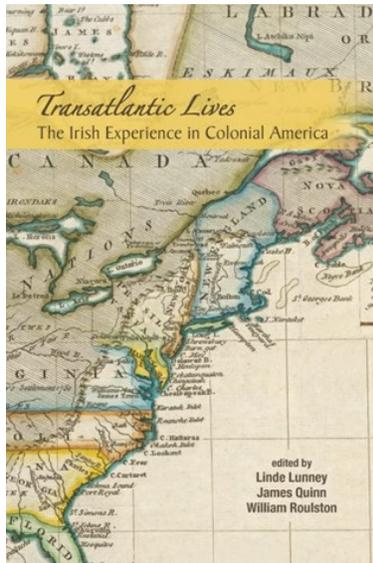
We now have a **Facebook page**, www.facebook.com, search for **Denton TX SAR**. Please join and participate.

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.

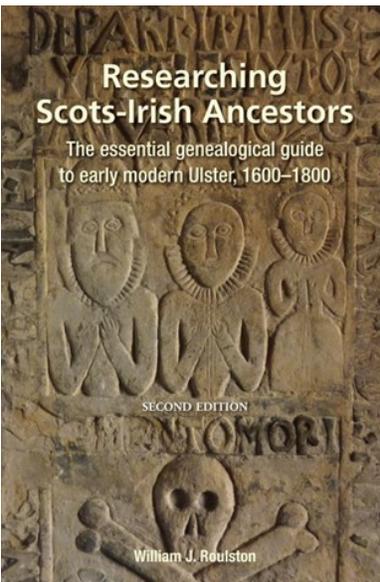
Bill Surles, wsmerch@gmail.com

Scots-Irish and Presbyterians, Focus of New Books.

If you have Irish or Scots-Irish ancestors, three books new to the Emily Fowler Public Library shelves will provide context, resources, and strategies to boost your genealogical research.



Transatlantic Lives: The Irish Experience in Colonial America (2019), edited by Linda Lunney, William Roulston, and James Quinn, features 59 essays chosen from the Royal Irish Academy's *Dictionary of Irish Biography*, detailing the careers of dozens of Irish emigrants to North America during the colonial period. Colonial administrators, soldiers and clergymen are featured, but educators, doctors, artists, merchants, and even a female pirate are profiled as well. Though Presbyterian clergy are most featured in that category, Anglican, Methodist, and Catholic clergy are also included to show how they, too, shaped the religious culture of the colonies.



Widely recognized as the preeminent textbook for Scots-Irish genealogy research, the second edition of ***Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors*** (2022) by William J. Roulston, includes additional information on church records and landed estate papers, as well as new chapters on records related to law and order, emigration, business and occupations, diaries and journals, and clubs and societies.

The two-section work covers:

Sources for Scots-Irish ancestry, their significance, and where they may be found, including:

Church records and gravestone inscriptions

17th- and 18-century records

Landed estate papers and Registry of Deeds records

Inheritance, legal, and election records

Military sources

Newspaper and books, as well as diaries, journals, and memoirs

Business and occupational sources

Clubs and society records

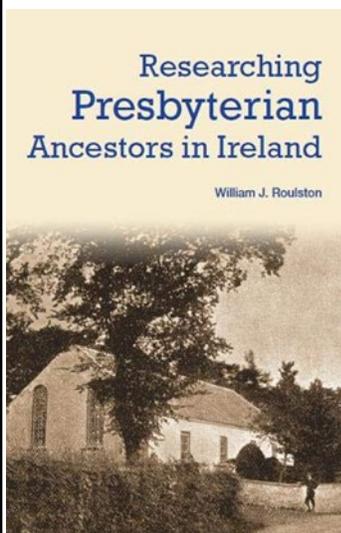
And many more.

Appendices

Sources available in each Ulster parish

Info on 350+ estate collections with relevant material from the pre-1800 period.

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Finally, beginning with an introduction to the “many shades of Presbyterianism,” *Researching Presbyterian Ancestors In Ireland* (2022) by William J. Roulston, focuses on congregations, records, registers of baptisms & marriages, records of higher courts and other Presbyterian bodies, ministers, places of worship and burial, Presbyterian publications, education, other sources of info on Presbyterians, etc. It concludes with research suggestions, a bibliography and a listing of libraries and archives of interest.

All titles are available in Special Collections at the Emily Fowler Central Library.

—Nancy Gilbride Casey
DPL Special Collections Volunteer

Participate in these SAR Activities

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2. March 16-17 DAR State Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, DFW Airport
3. March 18 Patriot James Lemmon Grave Marking, Lancaster (date is tentative)
4. March 25 C.A.R. State Conference Mar 30-Apr 2 Texas SAR Annual Convention, Spring
5. April 1 (**NEW DATE**) Denton Chapter SAR Meeting, **Emily Fowler Public Library 502 Oakland Streety, Denton, TX 76201**
6. April 22 Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville, muster time 9:00 a.m.



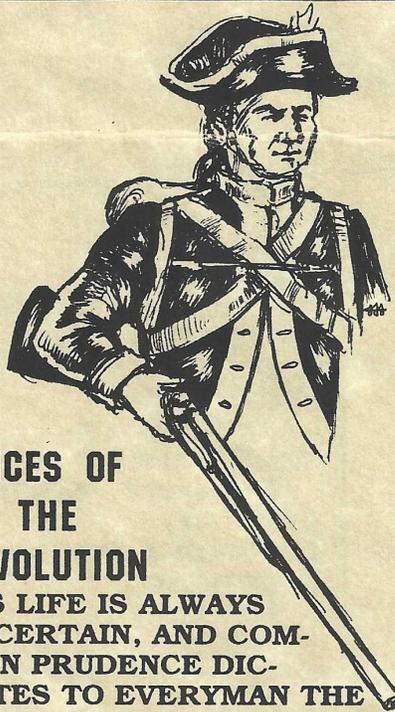
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VOICES OF THE REVOLUTION

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MON PRUDENCE DIC-
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HIS TEMPORAL CONCERNS,
WHILE IT IS IN HIS POWER
AND HIS MIND IS CALM
AND UNDISTURBED, I HAVE,
SINCE I CAME TO THIS
PLACE ... GOT COLONEL
PENDLETON TO DRAUGHT
A WILL FOR ME."

*George Washington,
6/18/1775 (in a letter
to Martha)*

STAR OF DESTINY AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON NOV. 11th

Madge Roberts author of Star of Destiny, a biography of Sam Houston, will speak at the Denton Country Club at 10:30 November 11th. SAR members and spouses are cordially invited to attend. Tickets to the luncheon are \$12.00 per person. If you plan to attend, please send checks to Lea Green 7205 Langley Court, The Colony, Texas 75056 before November 3rd.

Congratulations to New Member... Tom Cain

CONVERTING GENEALOGY INTO EXCITING FAMILY MEMOIRS, TOPIC FOR NOV.

"How to Convert Your Genealogy into Exciting Family History" is the title of the program to be presented by Betty Casey, genealogist, at the TXSSAR Chapter 23 meeting at 7:00 P.M., November 2 at the Good Samaritan Village in Denton. Mrs. Casey is the wife of member, Ben Casey, Sr. and the mother of member Ben Casey, Jr.

REMINDER! NEXT MEETING: NOV. 2