



The Continental Report

Ellis County Chapter #70 - Texas SAR

Sons of the American Revolution



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Next Meeting March 22, 2025
9:00am, Poker Room
The Hamilton at Garden Valley
880 Garden Valley Pkwy.
Waxahachie, TX 75165

“Posterity, you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.”__ John Adams

News of Ellis County Chapter

Landon Gerkin of Red Oak Navy JROTC won 4th place (out of an estimated 60,000 cadets) in the Texas state-wide competition. He will receive the **Bronze JROTC Medal** from the school, and **Bronze Chapter Outstanding Cadet** award from the Ellis County Chapter.

Congratulations **Color Guard Commander Larry Kollie** on your invitation to join the TX SAR CG Northern Junior ROTC Color Guard Command round table.

The Ellis County Chapter #70 of Texas SAR awarded two **Law Enforcement Commendation** medals this year, to Waxahachie Police Chief Marcus Brown and posthumously to Officer Isaiah Bias of the Ellis County Sheriff Office.



REMEMBER the Fallen. . HONOR those who Serve
TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

[Waxahachie City Cemetery's Wreaths Across America](#)

On December 13, 2025 at 1:00 pm (Wreath Placement Immediately Following Ceremony), Wreaths Across America will be at Waxahachie City Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud. The Waxahachie City Cemetery has identified 474 veterans.

Please help our location lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by clicking the red "Sponsor" button. Or, if you would like to volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony, please click the "Volunteer" button, and don't forget to click the "Invite" button to invite your friends and family to join you.

News from State

130th Texas SAR Conference

March 27-30, 2025

Richardson Dallas in Richardson, TX

Speaker: Carl Flowers

“The Untold Stories of American Independence”

Details on <https://texassar.org/Events>

130th TxSSAR Conference 2025 RAFFLE

You do not have to be present to win.

UNIFORM

Coat * Vest * Britches



Drawing Saturday Evening – March 29th

**1 Ticket - \$10, 3 for \$25,
12 for \$100**

The 2025 State Conference winning ticket holder will receive a GIFT CERTIFICATE of \$600.00 from his or her choice of a Colonial Attire Vendor. The Gift Certificate will apply to the order from that Colonial Attire Vendor. A \$150.00 Certificate will be awarded for the 2nd place winner. Not redeemable for cash.



*Ask Jack Haughton about tickets, or order from
Tom Whitelock, PO Box 191605, Dallas, TX 75219*

Texas SAR History Vol. III


Compatriots are being asked to contribute a personal biography for addition to the “Texas SAR History Vol. III”. A questionnaire to assist with bios is attached and available for download from the Texas SAR website. To find the questionnaire, login to txssar.org. In the “**About Texas SAR**” dropdown to **History**. mouse over to the right and drop down to [Compatriot Questionnaire](https://www.texassar.org/pdf/TexasSAR_CompatriotQuestionnaire.pdf). The questionnaire is in printable PDF format or can be downloaded for filling out and mailed to the Chapter Historian or the Texas SAR Historian. https://www.texassar.org/pdf/TexasSAR_CompatriotQuestionnaire.pdf

News from National SAR

Partnership Announcement

Sons of the American Revolution
and America250 Join to Celebrate
the Semiquincentennial



 **Washington, D.C.** – America250, the official nonpartisan initiative working to engage every American in celebrating and commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Semiquincentennial, has announced a national partnership with the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). This partnership will build on SAR’s longstanding commitment to honoring Revolutionary War patriots and educating future generations about the nation’s founding history.

“The Sons of the American Revolution have played a vital role in preserving the legacy of those who fought for our nation’s independence,” said Rosie Rios, America250 Chair. “This partnership strengthens our shared mission of honoring history while engaging new audiences in celebrating the values of freedom and democracy.”

“As an organization committed to preserving the memory of our patriot ancestors and deepening appreciation for our nation’s founding, we are honored to partner with America250,” said **Dr. Darryl Addington, SAR President General**. “Together, we will amplify efforts to commemorate this historic anniversary and inspire future generations to connect with their American story.”

Through their respective educational programs, America250 and SAR will engage young Americans, ensuring the next generation is empowered with knowledge and pride in the nation’s history. America250’s America’s Field Trip contest invites students in grades 3-12 to reflect on the question, “*What does America mean to you?*” Meanwhile, SAR encourages youth to explore their lineage and discover their patriotic roots by asking, “*Where does your American story begin?*”
<https://america250.org/>

**250th
Anniversary of
the American
Revolution
Recognition
Program**



The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publically educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers the celebration of any event’s 250th anniversary where said event related directly to acts of resistance to British attempts to coerce the residents in America: from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress.

This therefore will cover any public celebrations in the period from 2014 to 2033. Form may be submitted to

cover multiple years and following the first submission be submitted in multiple years, only covering activities since the previous submission. Scorekeeping is the responsibility of each compatriot and awarding authority. You will receive an email authorizing the purchase from merchandising. The guidelines and points are describe with the Submission Form.
<https://america250sar.org/>

Flag Flying Days

National Vietnam War Veterans Day	March 29
Army Day	April 6
National Former POW Recognition Day	April 9

Births in March

❖ Stephen Hopkins: RI	March 7, 1707
❖ Robert Treat Paine: MA	March 11, 1731
❖ George Clymer: PA	March 13, 1739
• James Madison	March 16, 1751
• Andrew Jackson	March 15, 1767
• Grover Cleveland	March 18, 1837
❖ Francis Lewis: NY	March 21, 1713
❖ John Tyler	March 29, 1790

Deaths in March

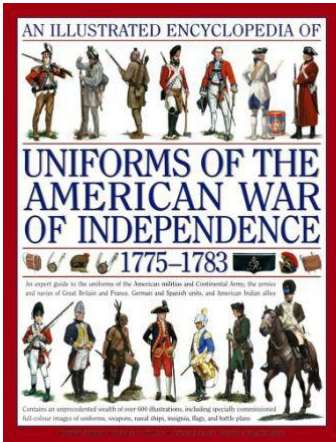
❖ Thomas Heyward, Jr.: SC	March 6, 1809
• Millard Fillmore	March 8, 1874
• William Howard Taft	March 8, 1930
• Benjamin Harrison	March 13, 1901
• George Washington	March 16, 1751
• Dwight D. Eisenhower	March 28, 1969
❖ Signers of the Declaration	

The Historian’s Watch

March is national reading month
Books I have read

1776

By David McCullough (ISBN: 978-0-7432-2671-4)
 (nonfiction – history) Telling the stirring story of the year of our nation’s birth, 1776, interweaving, on both sides of the Atlantic, the actions and decisions that led Great Britain to undertake a war against her rebellious colonial subjects and that placed America’s survival in the hands of George Washington.



An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Uniforms of the American War of Independence 1775-1783.

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9780754817611)

(nonfiction – history, illustrated) An account of the War for Independence interspersed with an expert

illustrated guide to the uniforms of the American militia and Continental Army, the armies and navies of Great Britain and France, Germany and Spanish units and American Indian allies.

A Founder for All: Abraham Clark, Signer of the Declaration of Independence

By Barb Baltrinic (ISBN 9781481271820) (historical fiction) A biographical story of New Jersey lawyer, land surveyor, and patriot Abraham Clark.

A Patriot's Price (The Fighting Clarks)

By Barb Baltrinic (ISBN 9781530141852) (historical fiction) Sequel to A Founder for All, Abraham Clark's son Andrew is imprisoned on the British prison ship, the H.M.S. Jersey, commonly known as "Hell".

A History of England and the British Empire

By Walter Phelps Hall and Robert Greenjalgh Albion c.1937, Publisher: Ginn & Company (nonfiction - history) Topics ranging from Britain's early days to its eventual division post WWI. Chapters XII, Commons and Colonies; XIII, The Puritan Revolt; XIV, Restoring England; XV, Limiting the Monarchy; XVI, The Duel for Empire

Origins of the American Revolution

By John C. Miller (ISBN: 9780804705943) c. 1959, Stanford University (nonfiction – history) Opening sentence on the Introduction: "The American Revolution was a struggle between two peoples who spoke the same language, hated arbitrary government with equal fervor, and proclaimed the ideal of liberty under law."

Killing England: The Struggle for American Independence

By Bill O'Reilly (ISBN: 9781627790642) (nonfiction - history) Told through the eyes of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and Great Britain's King George III, Killing England chronicles the path to independence in gripping detail, taking the reader from the battlefields of America to the royal courts of Europe.

Washington, A Life

By Ron Chernow (ISBN: 9780143119968) (nonfiction – biography) The book makes clear that indeed Washington played a crucial and critical role in the winning of the Revolutionary War and the establishment of our government and Democracy in a way that probably no one else could have.

On my wish list:

History of the Rise, Progress, and Termination of the American Revolution.

By Mercy Otis Warren (ISBN-10 : 1533136300) A history of the Revolution, written in 1805

Who We Are (My Patriot)

By Joseph Sidney Smith



Fielding Lewis (my 5th great grandfather) was born on July 7, 1725, at Warner Hall, a plantation in Gloucester County, British Colonial Virginia, the son of John Lewis IV and Frances Fielding. John Lewis was a merchant and a planter. Fielding's mother died when he was only six years old; and his father remarried, to Pricilla Churchill Carter, a widow. (A paternal uncle, Robert Lewis, would become the grandfather of Meriwether Lewis, of the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore the lands of the Louisiana Purchase.)

In the 1750's, Lewis worked with his father, trading grain with markets in the West Indies. After his father's death, he continued in this business; and he also became engaged in real estate and bank stock investments. Lewis acquired a plantation near Fredericksburg in Spotsylvania County, Colonial Virginia. Therefore, like his father, Fielding was a successful merchant and a planter prior to the Revolutionary War.

On October 18, 1746, Lewis married a second cousin, Catherine Washington, a cousin of George Washington. They had three children before she died in early 1750. He remarried, to Elizabeth "Betty" Washington, a sister of George Washington, as well as a second cousin to himself. Therefore, Fielding Lewis was a brother-in-law of George Washington. Fielding and Betty Lewis had eleven children together, the oldest of which was Fielding Lewis, Jr.

Betty Washington Lewis' mother, Mary Ball Washington, enjoyed visiting the plantation of her daughter and son-in-law, having a favorite spot, which she called "meditation rock." She ultimately asked to be buried there, which she was. In 1769, Fielding and Betty Lewis started the construction of a Georgian mansion at the plantation, which was completed in 1775.

In December 1757, Lewis was commissioned as head of the Spotsylvania Militia, became a County Lieutenant in 1758, and then Commander-in-Chief of the County Militia in 1763. Prior to the 1760 colonial session, Lewis was also elected to the House of Burgesses, representing Spotsylvania County. As relations with Great Britain were becoming troublesome, he accepted an appointment as Commissary General of Munitions, with

the rank of Colonel. He continued in this capacity throughout the Revolutionary War.

Fielding Lewis died in Fredericksburg on December 7, 1781, at the age of 56, shortly after the Battle of Yorktown, the end of the Revolutionary War. He is buried at Saint Georges Episcopal Burial Ground in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Betty Washington Lewis died in 1797, outliving her husband by 16 years.

In 1999, the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution chartered the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter SAR, representing membership in several counties.

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The primary contributor to this article was Dennis Giuffre of the Alexander Hodge Chapter #49, Texas Society SAR who has been researching Joe's ancestry.

Additional sources:

**Fielding Lewis and the Washington Family:
A Chronicle of 18th Century Fredericksburg**
Book by Paula S. Felder

Encyclopedia Virginia; Fielding Lewis (1725–1781 or 1782)

NOTE: This section is for you to submit YOUR patriot. We each have a Revolutionary ancestor that we like to talk about. This is your opportunity to do that. Just send a Word file to the Editor (and photo if available).

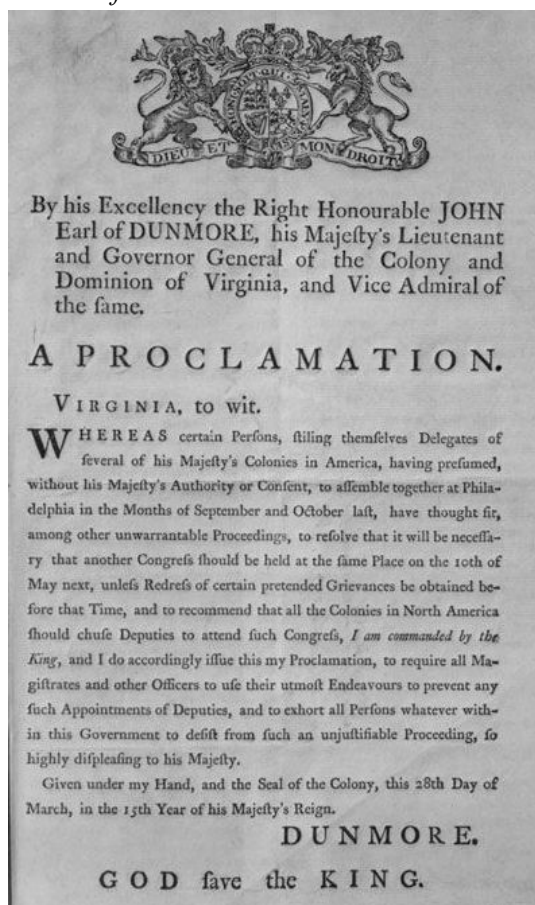
This Month – 250 Years Ago

The king and Parliament rejected Congress's appeals, and in March 1775 the second Virginia Revolutionary Convention met in what was later called Saint John's Church in Richmond to elect delegates to the Second Continental Congress. On 20 January 1775, the *Virginia Gazette* contained a small notice, advising that "The several counties and corporations in this Colony are requested to elect delegates to represent them in

Convention who are desired to meet at the Town of Richmond in the County of Henrico, on Monday the 20th of March, next." The second extralegal convention was called by Peyton Randolph to elect delegates to the Second Continental Congress to be held on 10 May 1775.

A Proclamation to Virginia, March 28, 1775

By his Excellency the Right Hon. JOHN Earl of DUNMORE, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same:



(image courtesy of Library of Congress)

*VIRGINIA, to wit,
WHEREAS certain Persons, stiling themselves Delegates of several of his Majesty's Colonies in America, having presumed, without his Majesty's Authority or Consent, to assemble together at Philadelphia in the Months of September and October last, have thought fit, among other unwarrantable Proceedings, to resolve that it will be necessary that another Congress should be held at the same Place on the 10th of May next, unless Redress*

of certain pretended Greivances be obtained before that Time, and to recommend that all the Colonies in North America should chuse Deputies to attend such Congress, I am commanded by the King, and I do accordingly issue this my Proclamation, to require all Magistrates and other Officers to use their utmost Endeavours to prevent any Such Appointments of Deputies, and to exhort all Persons whatever within this Government to desist from such an unjustifiable Proceeding, so highly displeasing to his Majesty.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony this 28th Day of March, 1775, and in the 15th Year of his Majesty's Reign.

DUNMORE.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

The outcome of the Second Virginia Convention, held in Richmond in March 1775, was a decisive shift towards military preparedness and a crucial step towards Virginia's involvement in the American Revolution. Patrick Henry's passionate "Give me liberty or give me death!" speech swayed the convention to pass a resolution to arm and organize the Virginia militia, putting the colony in a posture of defense against potential British aggression.

(source: Citation: *By his Excellency the Right Honourable John Earl of Dunmore. . . A Proclamation. Williamsburg, 1775, Ephemera Collection, Portfolio 178, Folder 13b, Rare Book and Special Collections Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.*

News from the DAR

Ellis County SAR has partnered with the Rebecca Boyce DAR in the America250 Book Collection to gather NEW books about the American Revolution and Constitution for underserved children in K-6 th grades. The ECC members agreed to participate and bring a book or two or five to our March meeting.

Below is a list of appropriate books that may be purchased on Amazon. When you place your order through Amazon, have them delivered to:

**Jack Haughton
880 Garden Valley Pkwy, Apartment 1145
Waxahachie, TX 75165**

The following represents some of the books donated by chapters to local libraries, school libraries and Little Free Libraries. DAR does not attest to the accuracy of the books, nor that all of the content is related to the American Revolution. Ages noted were provided by the DAR chapter.

A Kids Guide to the American Revolution by Kathleen Krull, Anna DiVito (ages 8-12)

American Independence: The Spanish Secret by Liz Duffy Strassner and Barbara Middleton Wiley (ages – early grades)

American Revolution Inspiring Stories for Kids: A Collection of Memorable True Tales About Courage, Goodness, Rescue, and Civic Duty to Inspire Young by Ennis Jemmy

Answering the Cry for Freedom: 13 African Americans Who Fought by Gretchen Woelfle (ages 9-12)

A Spy Called James: the True Story of James Lafayette, Revolutionary War Double Agent by Anne Rockwell (ages 7-10)

A Voice of Her Own: Candlewick Biographies: The Story of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet by Kathryn Lasky (ages 8-12)

Black Heroes of the American Revolution by Burke Davis (ages 8-11)

By the Light of Fireflies by Jenny L Walsh (ages 7-10)

Cloaked in Courage: Uncovering Deborah Sampson, Patriot Soldier by Beth Anderson, Anne Lambelet

Common Sense: and Other Writings by Thomas Paine, Alan Dershowitz

Crucible of War: The Seven Years' War and the Fate of Empire in British North America, 1754-1766 by Fred Anderson

Forgotten Founders: Black Patriots, Women Sailors, and Other Thinkers and Heroes Who Shaped Early America by Mifflin Low (ages 7-11)

George Washington's Farewell Address by George Washington

George Washington's Spy by Elvira Woodruff

Her Name Was Mary Katharine: The Only Woman Whose Name is on the Declaration of Independence by Ella Schwartz, Dow Phumiruk

History Smashers: The American Revolution by Kate Messner (ages 8-12)

Independent Dames: What You Never Knew About the Women and Girls of the American Revolution by Laurie Halse Anderson, Matt Faulkner

If You Lived in Colonial Times by Ann McGovern

If You Were a Kid During the American Revolution by Kelly Kennedy (ages 7-9)

In The Spirit of a Dream: 13 Stories of American Immigrants of Color by Tiffany Rose (ages 5-7)

I Survived the American Revolution, 1776 by Lauren Tarshis

La Casa del Arbol #22 Guerra Revolucionaria (ages 7-9 – in Spanish)

Lafayette #8, Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales (ages 9-11)

Loyalty by Avi (ages 9-12)

Never Caught by Erica Armstrong Dunbar (ages 10-12)

Our Patriots Coloring Book by the DAR

Patriots of African American Descent in the Revolutionary War, Part 1 by Marion T. Lane (ages 7-9)

Phillis Wheatley by Emily R. Smith

Phoebe the Spy by Judith Griffin (ages 8-12)

Polly Sumner – Witness to The Boston Tea Party by Richard C Wiggin, Keith Favazza

Quotations of Benjamin Franklin by Benjamin Franklin

Quotations of George Washington by George Washington

Quotations of Thomas Jefferson by Thomas Jefferson

Rebel with a Cause: The Daring Adventure of Dicey Langston, Girl Spy of the American Revolution by Kathleen V. Kudlinski, Rudy Jan Faber

Revolutionary Prudence Wright: Leading the Minute Women in the Fight for Independence by Beth Anderson, Susan Reagan

She Fought Too: Stories of Revolutionary War Heroines by Tara Ross (ages 7-10)

Spies in the American Revolution for Kids: A History Book by Carla Killough McClafferty

Superheroes of the United States Constitution: A Kids Guide by J. M. Bedell (ages 7+)

Sybil Ludington's Midnight Ride by Marsha Amstel, Ellen Beier

The ABCs of Black History by Pia Cortez (ages 2-8)

The American Revolution for Kids: A History with activities by Janice Herbert (ages 6-10)

The British Are Coming by Rick Atkinson (Young Readers Edition – ages 8-12)

The History of the American Revolution: A History Book for New Readers by Emma Carlson Berne (ages 6-9)

The Role of Women in the American Revolution – History Picture Book by Baby Professor (ages 6-8)

The Unknown American Revolution: The Unruly Birth of Democracy and the Struggle to Create America by Gary B. Nash

The World Turned Upside Down by Tim Grove (ages 10-14)

We The People: The United States Constitution Explored and Explained by Aura Lewis (ages 8-12)

Who Was Abigail Adams? by True Kelley

Who Was Betsey Ross? by James Buckley Jr.

The signers: The fifty-six stories behind the Declaration of Independence By Dennis Brindell Fradin (ages 10+) \$6.89 Amazon

George vs. George: The American Revolution As Seen from Both Sides
By Rosalyn Schanzer (ages 8+) \$5.09 Amazon

Give Me Liberty!: The Story of the Declaration of Independence by Russell Freedman (ages 10-13) \$13.25 Amazon

Daughters of the American Revolution

Ellis County also has an active DAR Chapter. For more information please contact **Barbara Coan**, Registrar, Rebecca Boyce Chapter, NSDAR at barbaraanncoan@hotmail.com.



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