



PineyWoods Pine Shavings

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Since the general election on 07 NOV 2000, variations of the following have been making the rounds on the internet. A composite version is presented her for your amusement and consideration:

***** NOTICE OF REVOCATION OF INDEPENDENCE *****

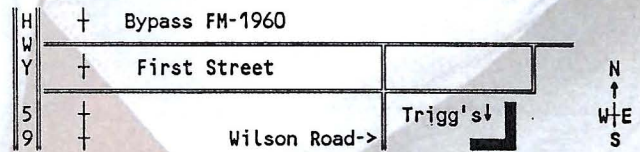
To the citizens of the United States of America: In light of your failure to agree upon the selection of a President and thereby demonstrating that you are incapable of governing yourselves, Her Most Sovereign Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, acting as the duly recognized heir of His Majesty King George III, does hereby announce the nullification of the Treaty of Paris (03 SEP 1783) and thereby revoke the independence granted therein to the thirteen rebellious colonies and to such territories acquired by or united with said colonies in the intervening time. By Her Majesty's Grace, a commission of landed gentry led by His Lordship Sir Thomas Eaton-Hogg, the Ninth Baronet of Tunbridge Wells, shall depart immediately for the colony of Arkansas where an interim administrative body will be assembled in "Greatstone" (Be advised that His Lordship's first official action has been to rename the capitol city of the Arkansas Colony since He does not fancy being titled the "Earl of Little Rock"). Said commission shall report directly to Her Majesty's Foreign Minister until such time as the North American Colonial Office can be reactivated to administer the colonies on a regional basis. Additional official actions which have been taken are as follows:

- 1) The speaking of so-called "American English" has been declared tantamount to treason and any infractions thereof will be dealt with in the most severe manner. A legion of language experts and diction coaches is being assembled in the United Kingdom and will be flown to the colonies to educate the masses.
- 2) All subjects of the North American colonies are to immediately shift to the left. To reinforce this ideology, driving on the left side of the road is now compulsory. Anyone found to not be on the left shall be deemed "un-mutual" and detained for resocialization.
- 3) Damages incurred by British merchants during the intolerable Boston Tea Party of 16 DEC 1773 are to be repaid with interest and penalties. To address these payments a coffee tax of £5 per pound has been initiated.
- 4) Recognizing the reluctance of the Colonies to adopt the metric system and to demonstrate the Crown's flexibility and respect for tradition, the Empire will as soon as feasible return to the English monetary system of four pennies to the great, three greates to the shilling, and twenty one shillings to the guinea. God Save The Queen.

(Don't laugh too hard, it could happen...)

NOTICE OF MEETING: "Members Only" Dinner Meeting - 18 JAN

On January 18, 2001, the PineyWoods Chapter - TxSSAR will hold a "Members Only" dinner meeting at Triggs Restaurant located on bypass FM-1960 East in Humble, Texas (see the map below). A social gathering will start at 6:30 PM followed by dinner (chicken fried steak with all the "fixin's") at 7:00. The dinner will be followed by a discussion of chapter business and ongoing activities. The cost for the dinner is \$9.50 per person. Please respond ASAP either by E-Mail to Genmorton@usa.net *OR* by returning the enclosed card.



HIGHLIGHTS OF NOV MEETING

A "Come One - Come All" dinner meeting was held on 16 NOV 2000 by the PineyWoods Chapter of the Texas Society Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The evening began with a social time followed by President Bob McKenna calling the meeting to order and then one and all sitting down to dinner. Following dessert, our guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Darrell McAlexander - a Houston attorney - spoke about his participation in reenactments of battles fought on US soil. He spoke of his expertise in cavalry charges and the use of pistols and sabers by horse mounted soldiers. He came to the dinner dressed in the uniform of a British dragoon (of the Revolutionary War) such as he and his group wore when they were invited to perform the cavalry charges in the recent movie "The Patriot" (Mr. McAlexander is also proficient at playing the bugle while riding at full gallop so he played the role of the British bugler in the movie). Besides discussing the various weapons he brought to the dinner, he also spoke on the intricacies of mounting a cavalry charge both then - in the heat of battle - and now - in front of the lights and cameras. Thanks to Darrell for such an enlightening talk.

Please join the Chapter in wishing the following members a heartfelt "Happy Birthday:"

« JANUARY Birthdays »

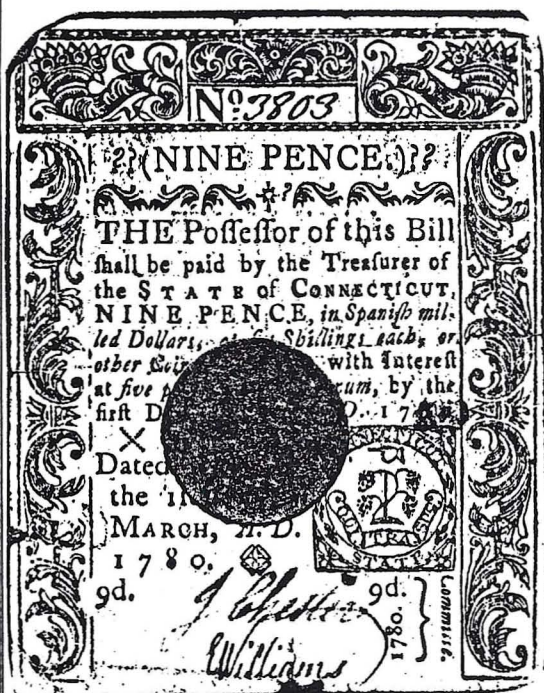
- 01.10 James P. Richards, Sr.
- 01.12 Larry Glen Martin
- 01.16 Dennis M. Key

Proposed dates for meetings of the PineyWoods Chapter for the 2000-01 SAR year:

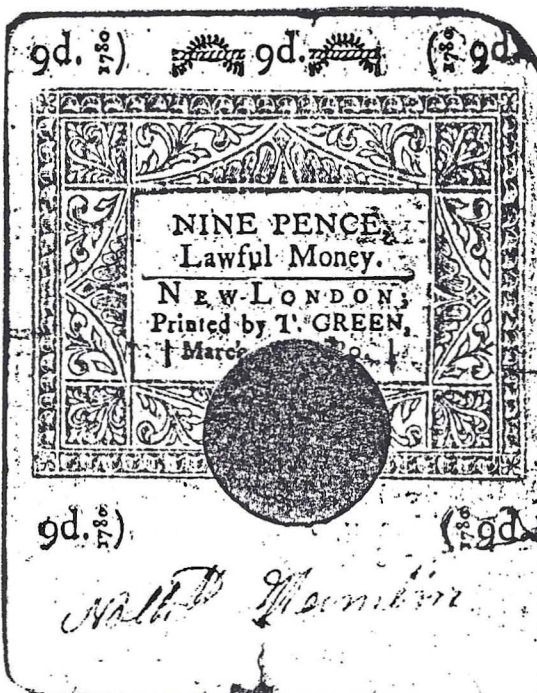
date	type of meeting
17 AUG 2000	- officer only mtg.
21 SEP 2000	- dinner meeting
19 OCT 2000	- member only mtg.
16 NOV 2000	- dinner meeting:
DEC 2000	- no meeting
18 JAN 2001	- member only mtg.
15 FEB 2001	- dinner meeting & officer election
15 MAR 2001	- officer only mtg.
19 APR 2001	- member only mtg.
17 MAY 2001	- dinner meeting
JUN 2001	- no meeting
JUL 2001	- no meeting

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"A PIECE OF HISTORY - A PART OF MY FAMILY" by John Oliver Albright

During the Revolutionary War, the patriots had a number of means of keeping key resources from falling into the hands of the British. Of particular importance was hard currency, i.e. gold and silver coins, since they were needed to purchase key war materials from other countries. To minimize the possibility of their stockpiles of such currency from falling into the hands of the British (and for that matter to make local business transactions easier) a number of states directed their treasurers to establish secure places to store the coins and then to issue paper "bills" which could be presented to the treasurer for payment in hard currency. Then if by chance the British were to get hold of a number of these bills, the treasurer could then cancel the issue leaving the state in possession of the money and British holding worthless paper. To make these bills more acceptable to the local populace, they were typically signed by two or three wealthy individuals (usually bankers) familiar to the people in a given area of the state. Shown above is one such bill issued in March 1780 by the Treasurer of the State of Connecticut in the denomination of nine pence. This bill is of particular interest to me since one of the two signers, "J. Chester," was the eldest son and primary heir of one of my patriot ancestors (his widowed mother, Sarah [Noyes] Chester, who donated a sizable amount of money to the relief of Boston while the British still occupied the city early in the war. I descend from her youngest son, Thomas Chester.) The signer, Colonel John Chester, was truly a patriot since he led a contingency of about 100 Connecticut men at the battle of Bunker Hill. He then went on to fight at the battles of Long Island, White Plains, and Trenton before returning home in 1777 to play a prominent role in the Connecticut state government. PS - You may be wondering about the large hole in the center of the bill? When a bill was ultimately redeemed it was cancelled by punching just such a hole in it.

PROVE YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE (continued) by John Oliver Albright

This month we will continue with our identification of books which are particularly useful in proving the Revolutionary War service of your ancestors. In previous installments we have looked at the New England, New York, and general books (see the October 1, 2000, issue of the PineyWoods Pine Shavings - Volume VIII, Issue #4 - for a listing of the previously reviewed books) and will now continue with the Mid-Atlantic states:

- NJ:** "Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War," originally published under the orders of William S. Stryker, Adjutant General, 1911 - Clayton - GEN 974.9 N532 NJ: A fairly comprehensive book divided into two parts - 1) units that existed during the Revolution and 2) a listing of the individuals in those units by rank (alphabetical listing in each rank).
 - PENN:** a) "Pennsylvania Archives," multiple volumes, 1874 - Clayton - GEN 974.8 R515 PA. Has accounts, listing/disposition of prisoners, petitions, etc. "Lightly indexed."
 b) "The Pennsylvania German in the Revolutionary War 1775-1783," by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Richards, 1908. Mainly a narrative but does include a number of rosters of soldiers. Seems to be pretty well indexed.
- NOTE: Am still looking for a more comprehensive book on Pennsylvania. If anyone out there is familiar with one, please let me know. Thanks.

Next installment will continue in the Mid-Atlantic states with Maryland and Delaware.

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FUTURE NATIONAL SAR MEETINGS:

111th Annual Congress
 JUN 30 - JUL 04, 2001
 Hyatt Regency, Louisville, KY

112th Annual Congress
 JUN 29 - JUL 03, 2002
 Stouffer Renaissance, Nashville

113th Annual Congress
 JUL 03 - 09, 2003
 Hyatt on the Riverwalk, Chicago

114th Annual Congress
 JUL 03 - 07, 2004
 Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA

CHANGE IN DUES PAYMENTS

NOTE: The statements for annual dues are about to be sent out and a change has been made in the process: PAYMENT WILL BE DUE IMMEDIATELY **AND** DUES WILL BE CONSIDERED DELINQUENT IF NOT RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31, 2000! So to keep your membership active, and to minimize the effort of state volunteers in collecting the dues, PLEASE SEND OFF YOUR PAYMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR! Thanks.

PineyWoods Has A Web Site!

Yes, our Chapter does have a web site, it's a little out of date Chapter-Officer wise, but still has plenty of useful info about the history of the Chapter and lists of our patriot ancestors. Access it at: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Oaks/5534>