



Pine Shavings

**PineyWoods Chapter #51
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**



SEPTEMBER MEETING CANCELLING

President's Message

I want to thank everyone who attended the August meeting. Our attendance was larger than I can remember. It was great to induct three new member; Dr. Lance Feray, Bernie Kent and B Ray Mize. Lance's son Cotton was moving into the Dorm so could be inducted at this time.

Second, Kingwood and a large part of Houston to Beaumont suffered a devastating rain storm. In Kingwood we received up to 50 inches of rain. Unfortunately, 50 inches of rain got into my home destroying everything. B. Ray Mize had water in his house.; as well as Bob McKenna. I am not sure of others. Larry Stevens came by twice, bringing us gasoline and helping shovel.

This is going to be an ongoing thing; and due to our losses, I must cancel the September 16th meeting. (cont. 2)

Family Tree DNA October 21st

Our October 21st meeting will feature Mr. Jim Brewster, Group Project Manager, for Family Tree DNA. Family Tree DNA was founded by Bennett Greenspan who has been a lifelong genealogy enthusiast. Please attend and learn what Family Tree DNA analysis of Autosomal DNA, Y-DNA, and Mitochondrial DNA can tell you more about your heritage and possible connect you to long forgotten cousins.

Family Tree DNA founder Bennett Greenspan has personally spoken to our Texas Society and his organization offers SAR Member a discount price on Y-DNA Kits. My first Test Kit was a few year ago and I did gain contact with three "Lost Cousin".

Enjoy this, Larry Stevens and Kermit Breed—Chapter Registrars

Meeting Saturday, Oct 21st Member & Guest

**Jimmy G's,
307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway,
Greenspoint
12:30 p.m.**

RSVP for the Meeting
Please respond with the number of people attending and names by Thursday before the meeting date.

ASAP to Larry Stevens
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I have asked 1st VP and Editor Larry Stevens to post this announcement since I don't have the means to do so.. We will asked Educator John Schmonsees to speak in October . You are really going to enjoy this program. John worked with the film makers of "The Patriot" and has a great story to tell. Stay safe, and let Larry know at "wardtracker.aol.com" how you are doing.

Jim



Above and left: Inside and Outside of the Pinkerton Home . See the water line.



Lake Houston from the Stevens front walk Monday Morning 28th. By evening the lake was more than 2 feet higher.

**Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR
Meeting at Jimmy G's
Greenspoint, Houston, TX 19 August 2017**

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President Jim Pinkerton welcomed all to the meeting at 12:30 PM. The invocation by Cannon H. Pritchard was followed by the pledge to the US and Texas flags and the SAR pledge.

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Kermit Breed, Larry Stevens, Kim Morton, Jim Pinkerton, Larry Blackburn, Joe Potter, Jeff LaRoche, Nolan Richardson, John Beard, Brent Monteleone, B. Ray Mize, Chuck Wagner, Bernie Kent, Robert McKenna, Cannon H. Pritchard and Dr. Lance Feray

GUEST: Sarah Potter, Bobbie Richardson, Sharon Mize, Kathy Kent, Eddie Kent, Jim Bechel, Ann Kent, Christi Robertson, Sandra Breed, Joshua Williamson, T.R. Wagner and Tom Morris,

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the May meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer John Beard reported a balance \$3,180.69 Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kermit Breed is working on new applications for Benjamin Sapp and John Schmonsees. Applications for Tom Morris and Joshua Williamson have been sent to the Texas registrar. Larry Stevens is working on new applications for Jim Barber and Todd Keilman. Applications for Doug Blodgett and Dennis Keister are pending in Louisville.

NEWSLETTER: The July newsletter is out and better than ever. Thank to Larry Stevens.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Larry Blackburn said this year 38 JROTC Medals were presented. There is always a need for Sar members to help with this worthwhile project. I have enjoyed helping and I know you will. Larry, Chairman of the Manpower Committee, asked for a show of hands of members able to help with the 128th NSSAR Congress in Houston July 13-19, 2018. Most present raised their hand.

NEW BUSINESS: Compatriot Dr. Lance Feray (John Bumpass N.C.), Bernie Kent (William Cowan N.C.) and B. Ray Mize (James Larimore N.C.) were sworn in as our newest members. Cotton Feray is also a new Compatriot. Each new member was presented a Texas SAR Challenge Coin.

GUEST SPEAKER: John C. Beard, President Texas SAR gave members a summary of the week spent at the 127th Congress in Knoxville TN. Attendee participated in meetings, ceremonies and receptions. There was also a golf tournament, tour of Cumberland Gap and Tennessee BBQ. John informed the meeting about the Military and War Service Medals. Anyone with Military service is eligible. A DD214 is required. Contact Jim Pinkerton or Kermit Breed.

After the benediction members joined together in the SAR closing. President Jim Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.

Piney Wood #51 Secretary Kermit Breed

PineyWoods Chapter Meeting

Texas Society President John C. Beard addresses the Chapter. John talked about the 117th Annual NSSAR Congress this past July in Knoxville, Tennessee. Knoxville is a great place to met and visit with lots of early Tennessee historical sites to visit with a number within walking distance of the Congress Hotel. John described for those who have never attended a congress the sequence of events; tours, meetings, dinners, dress, and for many, free time to explore. Always a treat is to get together our Texians and friends for a Texas Dinner. In conclusion, John said Texas is hosting the 118th Congress here in Houston at the Westin Memorial, and being Texans, he fully expects us to host an event better than the great one we attended in Knoxville.



Lance Feray is extremely proud of his Revolutionary

B Ray Mize gave a nice talk on his ancestor. Pictured -Jim Pinkerton B Ray and his sponsor Larry Stevens



Front—WWII Veterans and past PineyWoods President Robert “Bob” McKenna—behind l to r— Treasa Wagner and Chuck—President Paul Carrington, Kathy and Eddie Kent. Eddie is



Membership

Welcome Our Newest Members

President Pinkerton inducted three new members, Compatriots Lance Feray, B. Ray Mize, and Bernie Kent, plus recognized a fourth, Cotton Feray the son of Lance who could not attend. Cotton was moving into Texas A&M. After the induction ceremonies, each new member gave a short talk about his ancestor.



Lance Feray presented his Membership Certificate by Pres. Pinkerton Left and Registrar Larry. Stevens

Dr. Feray's Ancestor was "Fighting Captain John Bumpas" of North Carolina. Captain Bumpas was named "fighting" for his role as a Regulator during the "War of Regulation", a revolt against taxation and government control, which culminated at the Battle of Alamance in 1761. John Bump(as) served in the Revolutionary War. His rank is not listed on Pay Vouchers for in the "folio" records.



Morse "Bernie" Kent's Ancestor was John Cowan of Rowan Co., North Carolina; served as a Private in Capt. Sharpe's Company Light Horse in the command of Col Francis Lock. There is just the one pay record for 48 days in January 1781. The Pension Record S7482 of Capt. Joseph Sharpe, Iredell County 22 August 1832, places Private Cowen at he 1781 battles of Alamance in Orange County NC. Capt. Sharpe and William Cowan were both of Rowan County and could have served together.

Bays "B" Ray Mize Ancestor was James Larimore who was a Sergeant in the NC Militia. Larimore was at the Siege of Augusta, Weitsel's Mills, and Brier Creek serving from 1778 to 1781. He was wounded at Brier Creek and filed for Pension in 1808. His serviced record can be found in his Rev. War Pension File. (Fold 3)



Battle of Weitsels Mill

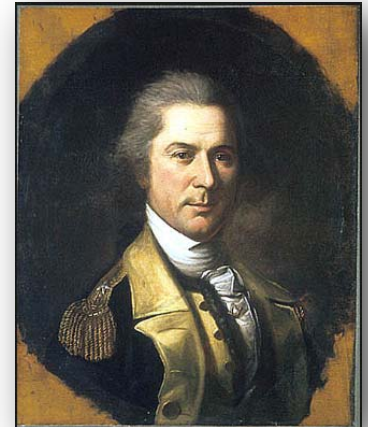
The question of where is **Weitsel's Mill** and when was the Battle came up during new **member B Ray Mize's** presentation on the role his ancestor played during the American Revolution.



General Nathaniel Greene

As to the location of this Battle on March 6, 1781, it began at Adams Weitsel's Mill which is now in the middle of Highway 29 in Greensboro North Carolina. There is a North Carolina Historical Marker at near the site.

After the Battle at Cowpens on January 17, 1781, General Lord Cornwallis shed all un-necessary baggage being transported with his army so he could speed up his pursuit of General National Greene. Learning of Cornwallis's plan to trap him, General Greene made a dash for Virginia across the Dan and Yadkin rivers in in north central North Carolina. And, on February 18, 1781, he won one of greatest battles of the southern campaign. He crossed the rain swollen Dan river into Virginia with his entire army. Just ahead of Cornwallis Greene had made certain there were no boats for Cornwallis. Cornwallis marched back to an area near Guilford Courthouse.



Lt. Col Otto Williams

Around the 23rd of February, Greene again crossed the Dan River marching south. He dispatched Colonel Otto H. Williams with the armies light infantry, mainly Continental units from Delaware and Maryland as well as several hundred Virginia riflemen under William Preston and Hugh Crocket with orders to locate Cornwallis. At about the same time, Cornwallis sent British Officers Lt Col. James Webster and Lt Col. Banastre Tarleton with about 1,000 light infantry and cavalry to find Greene's position.



Banastre Tarleton

At Clapp's Mill on Alamance Creek March 4, 1781, the British and Williams forces skirmished briefly. The British observed that Williams force was separated from Greene by the

Reedy Ford Creek and saw they had a great opportunity to eliminate and large portion and Greene's Army if they positioned their forces between Williams and the Ford at Weitsel's Mill.

In a thick early morning fog on the 5th, Tarleton and British Officer Stewart advanced on Williams. However, Williams was alerted when his sentries spotted the British and Williams drove his army to the ford on the Alamance at Weitsel's Mills. Continental "Light Horse Henry' Lee's Legion and the Virginia riflemen provided cover for Williams the ten miles to the ford.

William charged "Light Horse' Lee Calvary and Colonel Preston's Virginia riflemen with harassing the British pursuers. Annoyed by this, Cornwallis decided to make a move of his on March 6th. At 3:00 am, he marched towards Williams hoping to catch him off guard. He knew Greene would have to respond. Greene could not afford to have Williams fore be destroyed.



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Cornwallis's move was discovered by Williams scouts. Williams learned that Tarleton's and LtCol. Webster's forces were within two miles of Colonel William Campbell (King's Mountain). He sent Lee's and LtCol. William Washington's Calvary to support Campbell. The rest of his force towards Weitsel's Mills, a ford across Reedy Creek. He barely got into position when the British arrived and attacked. This engagement on March 6th is named Weitsel's Mills.

Williams repelled the first charge by Tarleton and a contingent of Cornwallis' Van but retreated when not able to stop the second charge.

Williams screening action had allowed Green not to be pulled into the battle; however, many of the Virginians thought they just being used as cannon fodder and headed home.

A few days after, on March 15th, the armies met again at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in present day Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.. Victory was won by Cornwallis; but due to expenses and the great loss of supporting Tories, he lost the war in America.



COL. WILLIAM CAMPBELL

Lt. Col. Wm Washing-



Larry Stevens

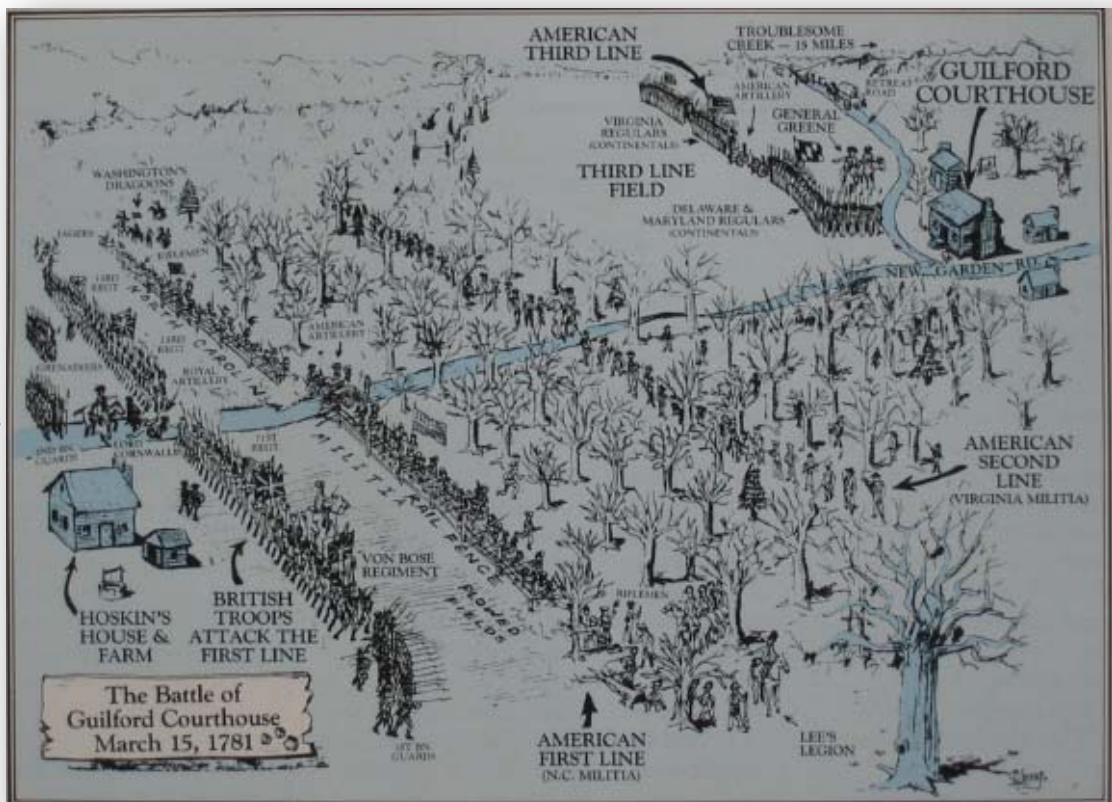
Note: Weitsel's Mills is also spelled Wetzal, Wetzell, Weitzell. Colonel Lee in his Memoirs said Wetzal. The NC Marker at the site of the fight is "Weitsel's Mill".

Resources Consulted

*Booklet on the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and Preservation of that Historic Field—22 Apr 1907

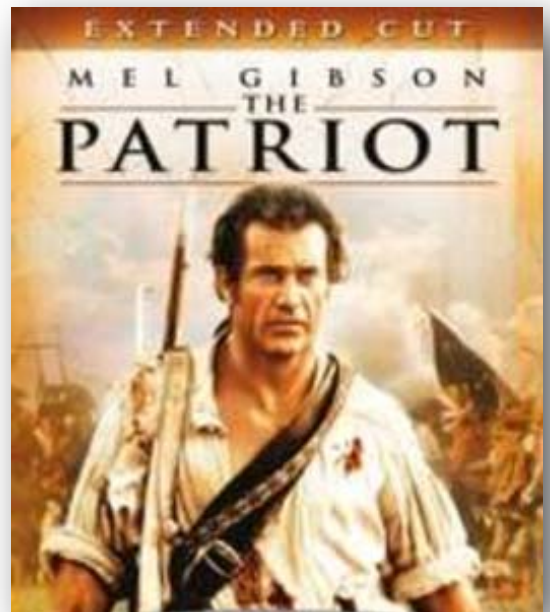
*Wood, W. J., "Battles of the Revolutionary War 1775-1781", 1990; 2003 Da Capo Press

*"Memories Of Light Horse Henry Lee of the Southern Department of the United States" which Lee began after being hauled of to debtors Prison in 1807. He completed these in 1810 and were published 1812 and republished in 1869 by his son Robert E. Lee.



November 18th Meeting

The *November 18th Chapter* meeting will feature a program on the film “The Patriot” by John Schmonsees, a teacher at Greentree Elementary. John work on the film as a consultant and was one of the soldiers. John is currently a prospective member.



Calendar of Events

National Events

NSSAR Leadership Louisville Sept 28-30, 2017

State Events

Texas Fall BOM October 13-15, 2017

Chapter Events

Member/Guest October 21, 2017

Member/Guest November 18, 2017

Member/Guest December 16, 2017