



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American
Revolution
March 2021 Issue 3**



!EXTRA!

At the Special NSSAR Congress held at the Westfield Marriot near Washington DC on March 13, 2021, 56 State Society Delegates voted unanimously to amend the National Society Constitution Articles V and VIII to allow officer elections “through the *use of communications technology*”. This will allow elections by state delegates at an NSSAR Congress, electronically, when congress has to be cancelled, such as the 2020 NSSAR Annual Congress that was to take place in Richmond Virginia. Since no election could take place, National Officers at the time had their terms extended until at least the 2021 Congress scheduled this July in Seattle.

NEXT MEEING

March 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Electronic Using ZOOM Technology.



Congratulations to Andrea “Andy” Blodgett

The NSDAR Announced the First Place Winner in Weaving this year is our own Andrea Blodgett. “I was surprised by a phone call this afternoon informing me that I had won first place in the National D.A.R. American Heritage Contest in the Weaving Category. This entry also won first place in the State (DAR) contest before moving on to the Nationals. This is my first attempt at a tapestry. I have only been weaving for about 2 years. The theme was Honoring your DAR patriot. Mine served at Valley Forge among other places.”

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From the President:

Chapter Members and Friends,

THANK YOU for allowing me to be your president for the past two years it has been a blast. Thanks to the other officers who served with me. All of you did an outstanding job. My special thanks to Ray Cox and Larry Stevens for their help setting up the Zoom meetings. Zoom is a great tool.

I think the main thing is the fact that we moved forward with our youth programs, recruiting and enjoyed good meeting attendance under difficult conditions. My hat off to each one of you. My hope is that this pandemic will end soon. It would be great to see each of you in person and shake your hand.

Welcome to the new officers. I know Michael (Mike) Anderson will do a great job. Mike you have my full support and help if needed. I still remember my 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Bond saying " There are no dumb questions". This is a big organization and getting bigger every day, Texas has about 250 new applications waiting for approval as I write this.

"With a heart full of love and gratitude I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable" General George Washington Farewell to His Officers December 4, 1783, Fraunces Tavern in New York

STAY SAFE AND PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY. **Your President, Kermit Breed**



Fraunces Tavern opened in 1719. It is located at 54 Pearl Street at the corner of Broadway. It was saved from demolition when purchased by the New York Society Sons of the Revolution. During the American Revolution, George Washington used it as his headquarters, peace negotiations with the British, and his Farwell to his faithful officers. It housed Federal Offices early in US History.



“CULPER SPY” Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge recalling he events of December 4, 1783 at Fraunces Tavern in these words written in 1830,

“We had been assembled but a few moments when his excellency entered the room. His emotions were too strong to be concealed, which seemed to be reciprocated by every officer present.”



*This earliest known view of Fraunces Tavern is believed to represent the building as it was altered following a fire in 1832
From Valentine's Manual for 1854*

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Andy Blodgett further writes, “Each year the N.S.D.A.R holds an American Heritage Contest for artistic works. Categories include: Arts and sculpture, Crafts, Fiber arts, Drama and literature and Music. There is a theme chosen each year and the art piece must follow this theme. This years theme was:

“Rise and shine your light on your Revolutionary War Patriot.”

“I had to submit 12 pictures of the item including close ups and work in progress. Additionally, they required an essay explaining how my work reflected the theme, how it was created and a list of materials used to create the entry. Attached is the essay. I agonized over the essay more than the art work.”

“In 2017 I entered a crazy quilt wall hanging which won 1st place in Texas and 3rd place in Nationals. I only enter the contest if I feel moved by the theme and have a special project in mind.”

“I entered this year since I have a special affinity for my patriot, Oliver Train. He was a private from Massachusetts, who enlisted at the age of 16, was at Valley Forge for the winter (1777-1778) and in June followed George Washington to the battle of Monmouth Courthouse, NJ one of the most costly battles in the history of the war. I was especially surprised to be honored, this year, to have won **1st place in Fiber Arts-Weaving at the National and the state level.** I have only begun weaving in the last 2 years so I consider myself a beginner in this art form. I am an active member of the Heritage Trails Chapter, D.A.R. in Spring, Texas.”

“Rise and shine your light on your Revolutionary War Patriot.”

Valley Forge

“This weaving was made to shine a light on the suffering that my patriot, Pvt. Oliver Train, among others, endured while at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. He was only 17 years old during that cold winter from Dec. 1777- 1778 when he took shelter in his log cabin. He would have endured bitter cold, snow, scant supply of clothing, food and perhaps lost his shoes during that long winter. All this can be seen in my weaving. In late June of 1778, Ollie rose to the call to arms when he followed General Washington across New Jersey, to fight in the battle of Monmouth Courthouse. Oliver is my shining example of a patriot ancestor who loyally served his country for 3 years, endured horrible conditions and fought in one of the bloodiest battles of the Revolutionary War.”

“This 11 1/2” x 17” tapestry weaving was made from fibers of various colors, texture, weave, and direction in the weft (horizontal threads) of the loom just as events in the Revolutionary War fluctuated. The finished Tapestry is suspended from a twig with a hanger. A small 16” wide rigid heddle loom with #8 reed was used to create this dimensional tapestry. First I designed a cartoon (pattern) depicting Valley Forge, in the winter of 1777-78. This was placed under the loom as a guide for the weaving. The warp (vertical threads) was a neutral color grey acrylic yarn. Texture and color were especially important in the weft (horizontal threads). Cotton, silk, wool, acrylic, printed cotton strips and novelty fibers in varying thicknesses and colors were used to create texture. Weaving was done with a tapestry needle and a kitchen fork as a beater. Six different weaving techniques were executed: Raya knots at the bottom edge for the soldiers’ ragged clothing; pile loops for the rocky ground with patches of plain weaving; red ribbon for bloody footprints; fishtail soumak weaving created the mounds of snow; weft float for the log cabin; plain weave for the roof; and plain weave for the sky with scattered sequins for snowflakes.”

By Andrea G. Blodgett, Texas

Andrea is the wife of PineyWoods Chapter 51 member Douglas “Doug” Blodgett

PINEWOODS CHAPTER 51 YOUTH PROGRAMS

Patriot Day at Willow Creek Elementary

February 26, 2021



Principal Scott Duncan, John Schmonsees (L) at Print Shop



Nine Man Tents and Field Hospital

Willow Creek Elementary School Principal Scott Duncan contacted John Schmonsees and Larry Stevens asking for help presenting programs for the 5th grade Patriots Day on February 26th. This event was scheduled last November 2020 but cancelled due to COVID-19. John and Larry readily agreed.



Abe Abdmoulaie - Militia Drill Kingwood HS Band members and 5th Graders

the militia drills. The Willow Creek school baseball field and the area near the Pavilion would become the site for the activities; **outdoors**. John ordered four white canvas army tents to be erected. There would be a field hospital, a cooking site with a fire pit for cooking with a Dutch oven, a cobb oven for baking bread, and barrels cut in half for a fire brigade contest with canvas buckets. The cooking area was set up Thursday.

Friday, work began at 6:00 AM. The Stage with a bar, table and chairs, the Mercantile storefront and the Printer storefront, tents were all up by 8:00 am by volunteers from KHS, Rev Ed, including SAR, parents, and teachers.

A skit on the “Declaration of Independence” written by John Schmonsees and performed by KHS Actors, brought laughs, and a history lesson! Greentree Elementary will have a similar event APRIL 22nd!

LGS



Jim Pinkerton inspecting the panels.



Larry Stevens at the stage

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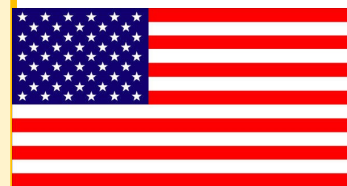
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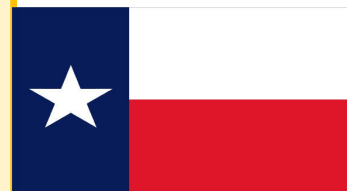
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Newsletter Editor Larry Stevens -
Web Master Ray Cox

Calendar of Events



National Events
Conference American Revolution, Providence RI,
Jun 11-13, 2021



131th NSSAR Congress—
Renton, Washington State,
July 10-15, 2021
State Events—Annual
Convention ZOOM April

16-17, 2021

Chapter Meetings

Mar. 20, 2021—ZOOM 10:00 am,

Apr 17, 2021-ZOOM 10:00 am

Pledge to the United State of America

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



Texas Pledge

Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



AGENDA 20 MAR 2021 10 AM

INVOCATION **ALAN BOWMAN**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; Pledge to the Texas Flag; and the SAR Pledge

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS
President Kermit Breed

SPEAKER - TEXAS SAR President Drake Peddie

CALL FOR REPORTS BY PRESIDENT BREED

2nd VP --- **JIM PINKERTON**

JROTC —**RANDY HALL**

Secretary Report—**BERNIE KENT**

Treasurer Report— **B. RAY MIZE**

Registrars Reports—**LARRY STEVENS, JOE POTTER, KERMIT BREED**

Newsletter Report—**LARRY STEVENS**

Chaplains Report --- **ALAN BOWMAN**

Historians Report -- **ABE ABDMOULAIE**

Genealogist Report -- **KIM MORTON**

Webmasters Report -- **RAY COX**

VETERANS - **Coupon Project** -- **JOHN WORM**

OLD BUSINESS.

INDUCTION OF OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS: meeting place Vitaliano's;

BENEDICTION - **ALAN BOWMAN**

SAR CLOSING—**MIKE ANDERSON**

SAR PLEDGE

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”

SAR CLOSING

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of rights, an Independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.”

PineyWoods Chapter 51 ZOOM MEETING 20 Feb

20 February 2021 – remote Meeting via Zoom teleconference

President Kermit Breed opened the meeting early at 9:45 AM for an informal social discussion as people arrived. The formal meeting began at 10:00 AM as Kermit led the group in our nation's Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas Pledge, and the SAR Pledge. Chaplain, Alan Bowman led the Prayer. Kermit welcomed a special guest to our meeting, the new National SAR President, Jack Manning who joined us for this remote meeting from Boston, MA.

Compatriots (18) Present:

Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Bernie Kent, Randy Hall, Abe [Abdmoulaie](#), B. Ray Mize, John Worm, Larry Stevens, Jim Pinkerton, Roland Skelton, John [Schmonsees](#), Jim Jones, Alan Bowman, Mike Anderson, Jack Manning, Joe Potter, Jim Pinkerton, Bill King & Karl Falken.

Guests (4) Present:

Barbara Stevens, Sharon Mize, Mansoor & Linda Abdmoulaie, Conni Barker

Guest Speaker Presentation:

The guest speaker was own SAR PineyWoods, President Elect - **Mr. Michael Anderson**, the Retired FBI, Assistant Special Agent in Charge (Houston office) who presented "The Enron Investigation". The Enron case was the largest and most complex FBI case in American History. The multi-year investigation led to multiple indictments and convictions of Enron Officers and employees, as well as co-conspirators from several other companies that aided this massive multibillion dollar ruse. Michael summed up the collapse of Enron as:

1) a Failure of Leadership; 2) a Flawed Corporate Culture; and 3) Aggressive & Fraudulent Accounting. This fascinating presentation led to a lively discussion with questions among the meeting participants.

Secretary's Report: Bernie Kent thanked Kermit Breed for taking the minutes from our PineyWoods January 2021 meeting in Bernie's absence and they were published in the February 2020 Newsletter that was recently (02/19/2021) published and emailed to **all 78 members**. Proceeding without any new comments, a motion to accept the minutes was proposed, seconded, and voted in favor of acceptance.

Treasurer's Report: B. Ray Mize presented the Treasurer's Report and noted that little has changed since the last several meeting reports. A [motion to accept the](#) Treasurer's report was proposed, seconded, and voted in favor of acceptance.

Registrar's Report: Larry Stevens reported that the Application for William King has been submitted to National and is still under review.

Historian Report: Abe Abdmoulaie

A prototype version of our History scrapbook was displayed and reviewed to participants on the Zoom remote meeting. Our entry will be submitted shortly for SAR competition judging.

Coupon Report: John Worm

Please send coupons ASAP so they will not have expired. Thank you for your support of our troops.

Chapter Coupon Project - *Coupons for Overseas Military Families program.*

- CLIP the manufacturer's coupons that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to:

John Worm @ 2130 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080.

New Chapter Officers:

The slate of our new officers were formally elected by unanimous acclimation in a voice vote.

PineyWoods Chapter 51, Texas SAR New Officers for 2021-2023. They will be inducted March 20th.

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| President | Mike Anderson |
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Assistant Registrar
Chaplain
Sergeant-at-arms
and JROTC

Joe Potter
Allen Bowman
Randy Hall

MARCH 20th, 2021 MEETING
ZOOM Link will be sent to
Known E-Mail Addresses on or
about March 16th.

If You do not receive the Link,
contact President Breed.

Awards: New Supplements:

Michael Anderson - Patriot Wyndel Bright, Pvt NJ

Kermit Breed – John Martin, Solder and Civil Service SC

Youth Programs:

Rumbaugh Oration Contest : PineyWoods sponsored two entries in the Oration competition. Jack Douglas Fruehwirth was our 1st place winner placing 4 in Region 6 competition and will receive a certificate and a check for \$200.00. Harrison Drake Waddle was our 2nd place winner placing 5 in Region 6 competition and will receive a certificate and a check for \$100.00.

Old Business, New Business & Announcements:

Randy Hall confirmed some area schools' JROTC activities will occur soon and SAR PineyWoods is ready to resume our ordinary in-person, social events when allowed.

Ray Cox, our Webmaster reminded everyone that our - <https://www.txssar.org/PineyWoods/> - SAR PineyWoods website tries to remain current and is regularly updated on a continuing basis. Please look it over and confirm for yourself. Send any new Patriots to Ray so he can add them to our Patriot page.

Michael Anderson informed us that our SAR PineyWoods chapter adopted 2 High School Oratory contestants (Jack Douglas Fruehwirth & Harrison Drake Waddle) that will compete at a forthcoming remote state competition.

Larry Stevens, Jim Pinkerton, and John Schmonsees informed the chapter that a live, in-person Patriot's Day is scheduled next week at Willow Creek Elementary school. It includes elaborate Hollywood-type facades and reenactments by costumed volunteers of regular activities that include baking/cooking techniques during revolution era America 250 years ago.

Benediction by Alan Bowman was followed by the SAR closing.

President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

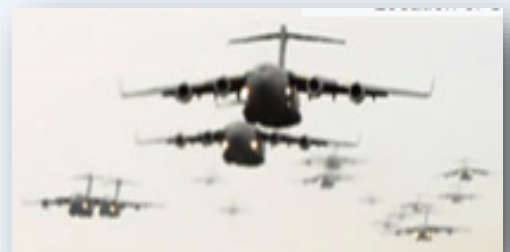
SAR PineyWoods Chapter 51 Secretary — **Bernie Kent**

CHAPTER PROJECTS

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PineyWoods Chapter 51 Upcoming Programs

20 March 2021—Installation of Officers. Texas society President Drake Peddie asked to Install Chapter Officers. President Peddie is to join us for our chapter meeting. He will be our guest speaker and, keeping with tradition, install our PineyWoods Chapter officers for 2021-2023. Drake can then advise as the status of the April Texas Convention. (Right)



With Texas Governor Greg Abbot lifting COVID 19 restrictions in Texas, PineyWoods Chapter 51 will be in watching closely hoping to begin LIVE MEETINGS in possible May.

Our regular April meeting on the 3rd Saturday conflicts with the Texas State Convention, so this meeting date will change and be a business meeting. So, there will not be a program presenter.

SAR NEWS

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution will Meet in Renton, Washington (Seattle) NSSAR President Jack Manning says this meeting is still planned to be IN PERSON on July 10-15, 2021. The meeting will be at the Hyatt Regency on Wake Washington at Southport. The Seattle airport is just a short distance away.

2020 Annual Conference On The American Revolution which was scheduled and cancelled last June is now June 25h to the 27th of 2021, in Detroit ,Michigan. “Interpreting Independence; The Declaration through the Generations”. (Information, contact your Editor Larry Stevens.

2021 Annual Conference on the American Revolution is schedule for June 11th-13th, in Providence, RI.

South Central District—2021

The SCD Meeting is *tentatively* scheduled for August 28, 2021, Saturday, at 8:00 am – 12 Noon. There will be a candidate forum Friday evening, August 27th, 2021 and a dinner if COVID 19 restrictions allow.

The Arkansas Society Conference will ZOOM on March 20, 2021

The Kansas Society will meet **in person, a first** for the state societies. The 129th State Convention will be held at the Marriott Fairfield Inn in Leavenworth, Kansas, on March 19th and 20th, 2021. VPG Larry Stevens and Barbara plan to attend.

The Missouri Society Convention is scheduled for April 23rd and 24th, 2021. The Missouri Society was established April 23rd, 1889.

The Oklahoma Society will meet by Zoom on April 17th, 2021

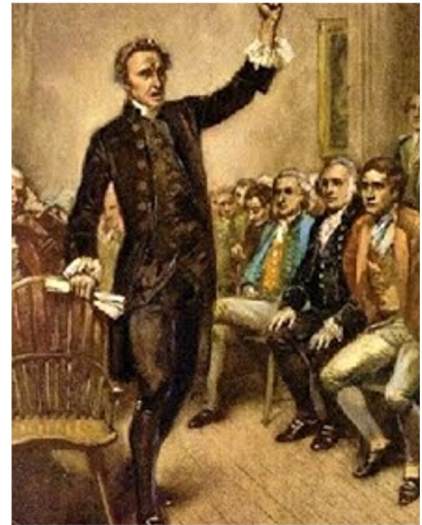
The Texas Society will meet April 16th and 17th, 2021, by Zoom. REGISTRATION IS NOW POSTED ON THE TEXAS WEBSITE. Please Register. President Drake Peddie just sent a notice of this event to all members who have an E-mail Address. The Registrar fee is \$10 which is use to offset the cost of the Zoom Conference.

The Texas Society there will be a Summer BOM in August this year.

Revolutionary War

March 23, 1775 - Patrick Henry delivered the most historic speech in American History. George Washington insured copies of this speech were made available to all soldiers in the Continental Army to spur them to continue fighting for a Republic. Addressing the President and 2nd Virginia Convention meeting to discuss strategy for address the Crown, and potentially raising a militia. Patrick Henry began his speech, apologizing up front for his honest opinions, then, “*Mr. President, it is natural to man to indulge in the illusions of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth and listen to the song of that siren till transforms us into beasts....*”

A then, and in the midst, he spoke strongly, “*Our Petitions have been slighted; our remonstrances have produced additional violence and insult; our supplications have been disregarded; and we have been spurned, with contempt, from the foot of the throne! In vain, after these things, may we find room for hope. If we wish to be free, if we mean to preserve inviolate those inestimable privileges for which we have been so long contending, if we mean not basely to abandon the noble pledged ourselves never to abandon until the glorious object of our contest shall be obtained, **WE MUST FIGHT!** I repeat it, sir, **WE MUST FIGHT!** An appeal to arms and to the GOD OF HOSTS IS ALL THAT IS LEFT FOR US!*”



March 17, 1776 – Evacuation Day—BOSTON. George Washington fortified Dorchester Heights with 1,200 men and on the night of March 4, 1776, training the Colonel Henry Knox’s captured cannons of Ticonderoga on British positions and ships at Boston. General Howe assessing the predicament his army and navy were in, elected to evacuate to Halifax, Nova Scotia. This ended the siege of Boston. Evacuation Day is a holiday celebrated every year in Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on the 17th of March, and, coincidental, it is also St. Patrick’s Day. Schools are closed on this day and if it falls on a weekend, the following Monday is a holiday. In 1941, Suffolk County passed a law establishing March 17th an official holiday and signed the law with Black and Green ink.



March 15, 1781—Guilford Courthouse. General Charles Lord Cornwallis defeats the combined continental and militia forces of Lt. General Nathaniel Green. Cornwallis had stripped his army of 2100 of excess baggage so he could race across North Carolina to trap Green with an army of

around 4500. The result was a confrontation at a place referred to as Gilford Courthouse. Green positioned his men as Dan Morgan had a Cowpens with three defensive lines, one in front of the other, so if necessary, they could fall back a support one other. However, Cornwallis’s cannon, seasoned soldiers, and dragoons proved to much for Green’s Army. It is judged that Cornwallis won the day; but his losses of one fourth of his men either killed or wounded was devastating causing him to decide to march to Yorktown near Norfolk Virginia.





Larry G. Stevens, Editor.

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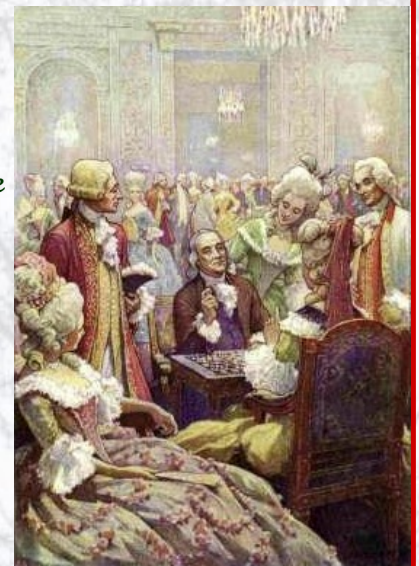
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2021 issue 3 Editor—Larry Stevens

We are a lineage society, and we are members because we wanted to know something about our ancestors and where they came from. Many of us have spent years in courthouses, libraries, and in front of a computer screen hoping to find out more and more of our families' history. A few weeks ago, B Ray Mize talked to our chapter about documenting our ancestors.

We were not the only ones. The following is excerpted from the Autobiography of **Benjamin Franklin** which is just the beginning of his family lineage discussion (See Below).

“The notes one of my uncles, who had the same curiosity in collecting family anecdotes, once put into my hands, furnished me with several particulars relating to our ancestors. From these notes I learned that the family tree had lived in the same village, Ecton, in Northhamptonshire, for three hundred years, and how much longer he knew not, perhaps from the time when the name Franklin, that before was the name of an order of people, was assumed by them as a surname when others took surnames all over the kingdom, on a freehold of about thirty acres, aided by the smith's business, which had continued in the family till his time, the eldest son being always bred to the business: a custom which he and my father followed as to their eldest sons. When I searched the registers at Ecton, I found an account of their births, marriages, and burials from the year 1555 only, these being no registers kept in that parish at any time preceding. By that register I perceived that I was the youngest son of the youngest son for five generations back. My grandfather Thomas, who was born in 1598, lived at Ecton till he grew too old to follow business longer, when he went to live with his son John, a dyer at Banbury in Oxfordshire, with whom my father served an apprenticeship. There my grandfather died and lies buried. We saw his gravestone in 1758. His eldest son Thomas lived in the house at Ecton, and left it with the land to his only child, a daughter, who, with her husband, one Fisher, of Wellingborough, sold it to Mr. Isted, now lord of the manor there. My grandfather had four sons that grew up, Viz.: Thomas, John, Benjamin, and Josiah. I will give you what account I can of them at this distance from my papers, and if these are not lost in my absence, you will among them find many more particulars.”



Ben Franklin playing Chess with the old Duchess of Bourbon

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