



Pine Shavings



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



PineyWoods Members and Friends,

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. We as citizens of this great country have much to be thankful for. Often times, we accentuate the negative. This includes the recent political ads on both sides of the isle. Let's remember the positive.

There is no country on the face of the earth that is better than the United States. Yes, we have problems. Yes, we seem divided politically. Let's remember what unites us and not what divides us. We are still the best hope for the future.

My friend Larry Stevens, and our 1st VP, will be conducting the November meeting in my absence. Our guest speaker for the November meeting will be **Barbara Stevens** and she will present a very interesting and educational program Gravestones of Early America.

Have a great Thanksgiving with friends and family.



I will see you in December at **Jimmy G's! Jim Pinkerton**



GRAVESTONES OF EARLY AMERICA

SEVENTEENTH, EIGHTEENTH, AND
EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY

Barbara Stevens
*President General Daughters of the Republic of
Texas and , DAR member will present
"Gravestones of Early America"*

November 17th Meeting

PineyWoods Chap 51 Meeting November 17, 2018

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.

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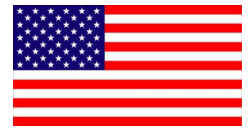
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Calendar of Events

National Events



Leadership/
Trustees-
Louisville—TBA

State Events



TXSSAR Annual
Meeting: April 5-8, 2019 at the
Omni, Austin

Chapter Events

Chapter Meeting-Jimmy G's

Nov. 17, 2018

Dec. 15, 2018

Jan. 16, 2019

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SAR DUES—*You should have received your dues notices from our Texas Secretary in US Mail.* You can pay as directed or find your dues invoice on the Private Texas SAR site and pay electronically or print your invoice. Notice: If you do not have the access passwords for the Texas Website, contact President Pinkerton, Treasurer John Beard, or Larry Stevens for access instructions. If you have not sent your payment yet, please do before the end of the year.

“Quotes” of our Founding Fathers

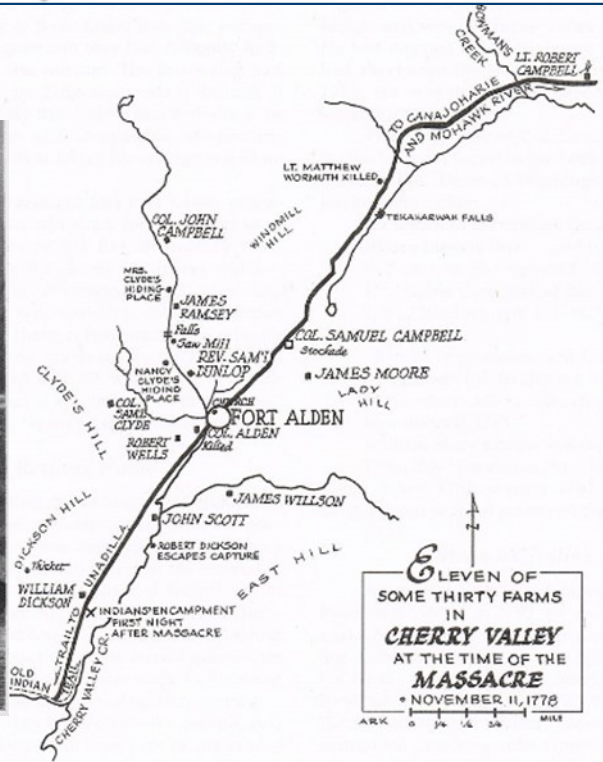
“But lest some unlucky event should happen unfavorable to my reputation, I beg it may be remembered by every gentleman in the room that I this day declare with the utmost sincerity, I do not think myself equal to the command I am honored with.”

16 June 1775 “Writings of George Washington...”



A Day in History

November 11, 1778 – Cherry Valley, New York Massacre. British Loyalist and Indians led by Walter Butler and Joseph Brant, Mohawk, massacre more than 40 colonial militia which brought war to the Mohawk Valley, Western Massachusetts, and Connecticut. The village of Cheery Valley had built a palisaded wall around the village meeting house for protection after earlier incidents in the Mohawk Valley. There was a Continental force of around 300 of the 7th Regiment, Massachusetts, commanded by Colonel Ichabod Alden.



From a map drawn by the Reverend H.V. Swinnerton, 1877.
Lyman Draper Manuscripts, State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Ichabod and his staff had been alerted by Indian spies that a large force commanded by Butler and Brant were marching on Cherry Valley. However, Alden failed to take the necessary precautions even staying some 400 yards from the fort at the Wells homestead.

November 27, 1778 British Peace Commission Departs for England – Fearful of French intervention in the conflict with the Colonies, Lord Prime Minister North in February 1778 successfully argued in Parliament to repeal the Tea Tax and the Massachusetts Government Act and establish a commission to travel to the colonies and seek to resolve the conflict. Headed by Frederick Howard the 5th Earl of Carlisle, the commissioners set sail for America in April 1778 even though they were aware of the Franco-American Alliance. **The Carlisle Peace Commission** sent by King George III and Parliament to negotiate a peaceful settlement of the differences between the American Colonies and the Crown arrived at Philadelphia on June 6, 1778 to meet with the Continental Congress. When negotiations for any form



*Frederick Howard
 5th Earl of Carlisle*

of settlements broke down, the commission sailed back to England.

Print shows three members of "Congress" standing under palm trees outlining their demands for peace to three members of the peace commission, the Earl of Carlisle, Baron Auckland and George Johnstone. Lord Burke is standing in the background between the two groups. By Mathew Darly, publisher, printed in London, 39 Strand, 1 April 1778.



A Day In History

November 1, 1765—The Stamp Act— “In order to finance the Seven Years War, the government had borrowed money from the Dutch merchant bankers, the Bank of England (established in 1694), private companies, and individuals at high rates of interest. Greenville believed that he had to try to pay it off but could not afford to upset independent gentlemen in so doing. He therefore:

“Left the land tax at 4/- [4 shillings] in the pound, which was not popular. Under peacetime conditions, the land tax stood at 3/- in the pound and most people expected the tax to be reduced after the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1763. *[The English Land Tax of 1692 was paid by the more prosperous sections of society. The rate was set each year by parliament in a “Land Tax Act” and was usually between two and four shillings in the pound, bases on the value of each individual’s land or property.]*

“Cut expenditure in the army and navy after the Peace of Paris was concluded. This was more weakness on the part of the government, especially with the growing empire. Grenville also believed that since Britain was defending the Empire, the colonies should help meet costs.

“Consequently, he introduced new forms of taxation in America.

“In 1764 the Sugar Act was passed. This introduced the molasses duty of 6d (pence) per gallon to 3d (pence) but Greenville forced payment through stricter customs controls in the thirteen colonies. The Sugar Act did not raise as much revenue as had been expected so in March 1765 the Stamp Act was passed.” **Marjie Bloy, Ph.D, Senior Research Fellow, the Victorian Web-19 Feb 2002**

The Stamp Act Passed by Parliament on 22 March 1765 with an effective date of November 1, 1765. It passed 205-49 in the House of Commons and unanimously in the House of Lords. (**Weslager, C. A. The Stamp Act Congress. (1976)**)

“The highest tax, 10 Pounds, was placed on attorney licenses. Other papers paper relating to court proceedings were taxed in amounts varying from 3d. to 10s. Land grants under 100 acres were taxed 1s. 6d., between 100 and 200 acres 2s., and from 200 to 320 acres 2s. 6d., with an additional 2s.6d. for every additional 320 acres (1.3 km squared). Cards were taxed a shilling a pack, dice ten schillings, and newspapers and pamphlets at the rate of a penny a single sheet and a shilling for every sheet in pamphlets or papers totaling more than one sheet and fewer than six sheets in octavo, fewer than twelve in quarto, and fewer than twenty in folio (in other words, the tax on pamphlets grew in proportion to the size but ceased altogether if they became large enough to qualify as a book).” **Morgan, Edmond S. and Morgan, Helen M. The Stamp Act Crisis: Prologue to Revolution (1963)**

The Stamp Act was very unpopular among colonist. A majority considered it a violation of their rights as Englishmen to be taxed without their consent and consent that only the colonial legislatures could grant. **“NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION”** was their slogan. The colonies sent petitions and protests, and the Stamp Act Congress held in New York was the first significant joint colonial response to a British measure when it petitioned Parliament and the King.

Committees of Correspondence were established creating a loose coalition from New England to Maryland. Demonstrations increased often initiated by the Sons of Liberty. British officials were hung in effigies. Tax distributors resigned from office for fear of retaliation.

Prime Minister Greenville was asked to resign by King George III in July 1765 before the Act became effective. He was replaced by the Marquis of Rockingham. The Act was repelled 18 March 1766. **LGS**



Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR

Meeting at Jimmy G's at Greenspoint, Houston, TX 20 October 2018

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

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Kermit Breed, Larry Stevens, Kim Morton, B. Ray Mize, Joe Potter, Jim Pinkerton, Ben Baskin, Eric Lavezzari, John Beard, Scott Weatherly, Frank Muller, Alan Bowman, John Worm, David Cook, Jerrel "Buddy" Inman and Abe Adbmoulaie

GUEST: Mary-Claire Beard, Judy Worm, Denton Florian, Mary Lou Florian, Sarah Potter, John Schmonsees, and Carolyn Bowman

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes for September. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Beard reported a balance \$1,955.27. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Kermit Breed is working on new applications for Benjamin Sapp, Jared Coco, Mark Berges and David Berges. Larry Stevens is working on applications for Scott DeMasi, James Jordan and Kenneth Jordan

OLD BUSINESS: PineyWoods proposal "That the Chapter and State Fee for Memorial Applications be reduced to \$6.00 for Chapter and \$6.00 for State." This change proposed by PineyWoods was presented at the October BOM and was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: John Worm spoke on collecting manufacture's coupons to send to overseas military commissaries for use by the military members stationed there. PineyWoods voted to assist John in this effort, for more information see the October 2018 Newsletter.

GUEST SPEAKER: Denton Florian is a lifelong enthusiast of early American history. Mr. Florian organized and led the team that produced the celebrated documentary, Sam Houston, which won five EMMY Awards. It has also been recognized for excellence by concurrent resolutions of the Texas House and Senate, and by the Governor of Texas. Additionally, Mr. Florian created the film's companion web site, www.samhoustonsmovie.com, which is used by researchers and teachers all over the world.

NEW MEMBERS AND ADWARDS: New member Eric Lavezzari (Patriot Josiah Lewis, Vermont), David Cook (Patriot George Fauver New Jersey) and James Weatherly (Patriot Thomas Batson, Hanover, NC) were sworn as new members. All gave a short report on their patriot. Nicholas Lavezzari, age 5 was not present so dad Eric accepted for him. John Beard, Larry Stevens and Kermit Breed received Certificates of Appreciation from the DAR-SAR Relations Committee for helping promoting the SAR's Finder Form. Several members of PineyWoods received Congress Certificates of Appreciation.

Members joined together in the SAR closing followed by the benediction by Kermit Breed. President Jim Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.

PineyWoods #51 Secretary Kermit Breed

NOTICE

PineyWoods Chapter meets the 3rd Saturday of each month except in June and July at Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant. All meetings are Member and Guest unless otherwise published. PineyWoods as a set menu of several specialties at a cost of \$25 per meal.

NEW MEMBERS

Three (four) new members sponsored by Registrar and Chapter Secretary Kermit Breed were inducted into the SAR by President Jim Pinkerton during the October Chapter meeting.



***Eric Lavezzari**, Patriot Ancestor was **Josiah Lewis**.
David Cook, Patriot Ancestor was **George Fauver***

***Scott Weatherly** with Jim (l) and Kermit. Scotts' Patriot Ancestor was **Thomas Batson** of New Hanover North Carolina*



Kim Morton, Kermit Breed, Jim Pinkerton



Alan and Carolyn Bowman, Mary Lou and Denton Florian



Buddy Inman and Scott Weatherby

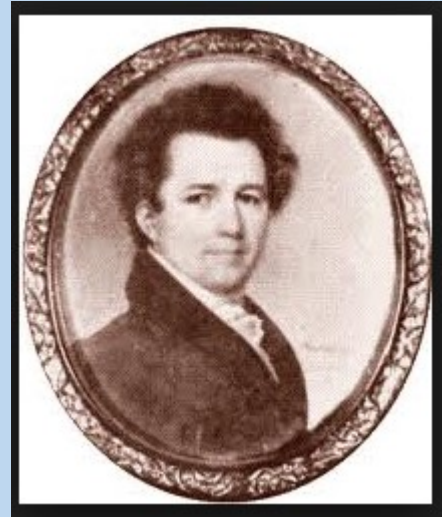


David Cook, Eric Lavezzari, Frank Muller, John Schmonsees, Abe Adbmoulaie

PineyWoods Chapter News



October 20th—Guest Speaker Denton Florian gave his “Reader Digest” sketch of the life of the most famous Texas, Sam Houston, from his roots to his death. Denton pointed out just some of the important aspects in his early life that formed Houston’s personality. Denton knew Sam well. Great presentation.



Veterans Day November 12th, 2018

Let’s not forget our Veterans. Especially those who served in the American Revolution. Often, these men and women are not remembered as Veterans. We tend to focus on more recent times, and rightfully so, because our thoughts go to our Brothers and Sisters, Parents and Grandparents who served during some very difficult times. *The Silent Men returned.*



Revolutionary War Vet



Arlington Cemetery

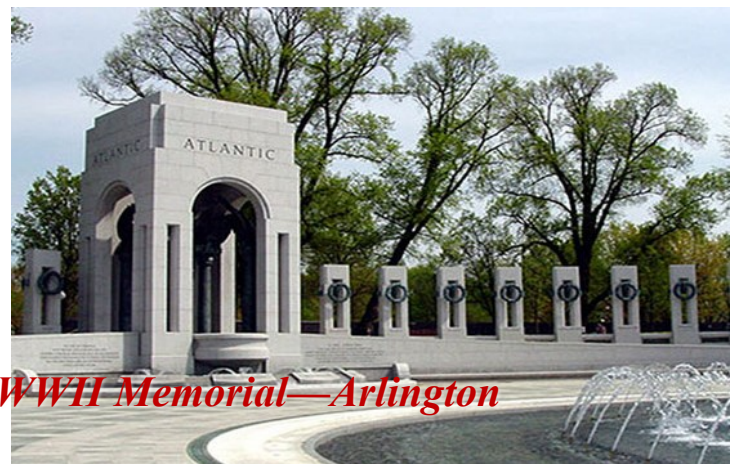
Richard Earl Stuart—1919-1994

WWII France and Germany US Army



Memorial Ceremony for Vietnam MIA

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WWII Memorial—Arlington

Veterans Day or The Armistice of the first World War

November 11, 1918

The Armistice of WWI ended fighting on the land, sea, and air between the allied forces and Germany. The Armistice is exactly what it means, the opposing forces agreed to cease all hostilities, NOT surrender. It was the fastest way to end the carnage and misery the war had caused.

‘On the 11th hour, 11th day, 11th month, 1918, the incessant boom of artillery abruptly went silent along the Western Front in France.’, is often quoted.

“There was a cold dense mist, in which I suddenly noticed that I could hear water dropping off a bush next to me. Our guns stopped, and no shells were coming at us. It seemed mysterious, queer, unbelievable. All of the men knew what the silence meant, but nobody shouted or threw their hats in the air. We asked ourselves a few questions, was it really over....”, Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, 1918 (Dr. Bayne-Jones donated his files before his death to the



Willow Creek Elementary Veterans Day Ceremony Kingwood

Willow Creek invited US Service Veterans to attend a special ceremony in their honor November 9, 2018. Scout units, Boys and Girls, posted the flags. Beginning with the First Graders singing, “..When the caissons go round- ing...”, by the first graders followed by 2nd through the 5th grade in turn sang the songs of each of the 5 US Armed Services asking veterans to rise and be recognized when the song of their branch was sung. All Veterans were asked to have lunch with the students starting at 10:30 am.



School Principal Scott Duncan addressed the adults, veterans, and children stressing the importance of honoring those who served our country in the Armed forces, he and Nancy Pinkerton as well as the children made us all fell proud to be Americans. LGS

