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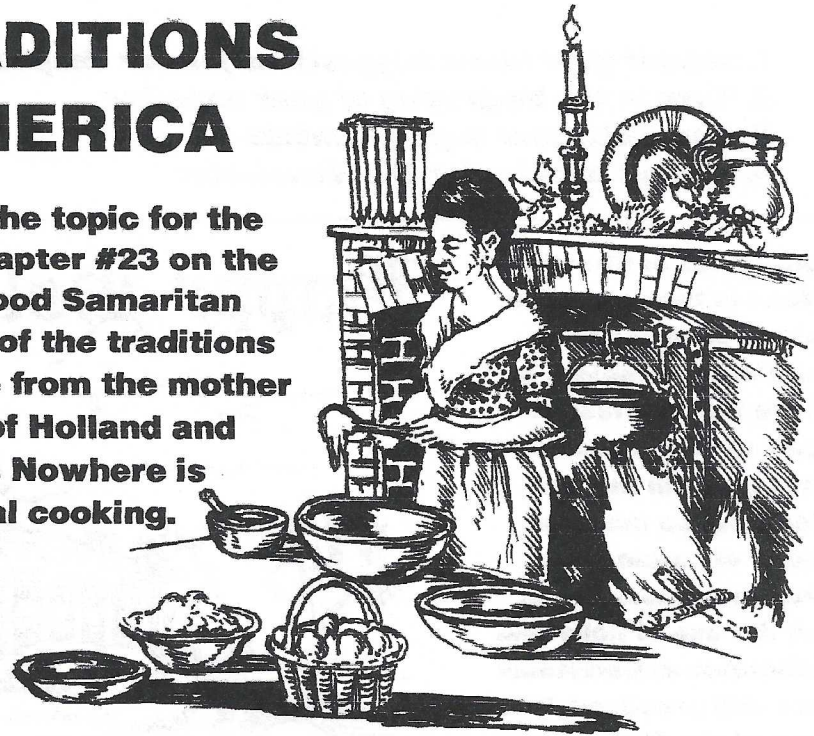
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CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN COLONIAL AMERICA

Christmas in Colonial America is the topic for the December meeting of TXSSAR Chapter #23 on the fifth of December, 7:00 p.m., at Good Samaritan Village in Denton. Although much of the traditions of Christmas in the colonies came from the mother country, England, the influences of Holland and other countries were also evident. Nowhere is this more apparent than in colonial cooking.



COMPATRIOT NEWS

Denton Chapter #23 President Richard Fletcher attended the Sherman Chapter meeting at which Ross Shipman, President of the TXSSAR spoke. Compatriot Shipman's topic was "George Washington's Secret Service."

Delbert Taylor, Vice President of District 10, will be our guest at our December meeting. Jack Haughton is in the beautiful state of Florida attending a business seminar.

PAY DUES IN DEC.

All dues must be paid before January 1, 1997 to qualify our chapter for 100% renewal. So if you have been putting off paying your dues, please write that check and get it in the mail during the month of December.

"Voices of the Revolution"

"It was the cause of America that made me an author. I neither read books nor studied other people's opinions-I thought for myself."

Thomas Paine

NEXT MEETING: 7 PM Dec. 5TH GOOD SAMARITAN

UPCOMING EVENTS

December.....Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
"Christmas Traditions in Colonial America"

PAY DUES!!!

1. *Submit your name suggestions for our chapter*
2. *Turn in the biography of your ancestor*
3. *Complete your supplementals*
4. *Submit articles for the Newsletter*

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Christmas or Christ's Mass is the celebration of the birth of Christ and many scholars believe that the festive part of Christmas has its origins in the winter solstice celebrations of pagan tribes. Pagan customs such as the use of holly and mistletoe at Christmas are still practiced. The use of the Christmas tree originated in Germany. Introduced in England in the mid-nineteenth century the Christmas tree

Happy Holidays



was brought to the U. S. by immigrants. The Christmas Angel is the bearer of good tidings and the star symbolizes a beacon leading the wisemen and shepherds to Bethlehem. The Sanctus Bell symbolizes the coming of Christ in the Eucharist. Holly for the Christian symbolizes Christ's crown of thorns. Santa Claus is based on the life of St. Nicholas and symbolizes "giving".

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