

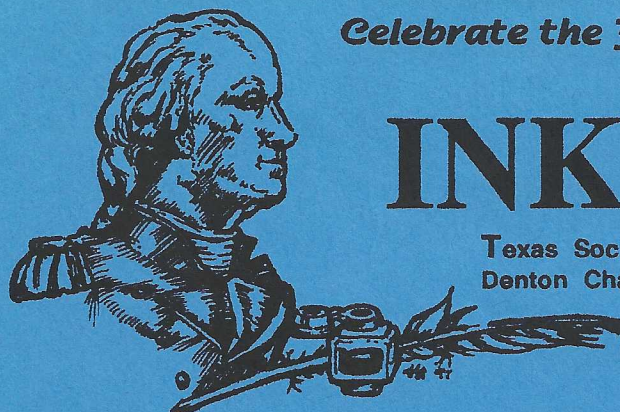
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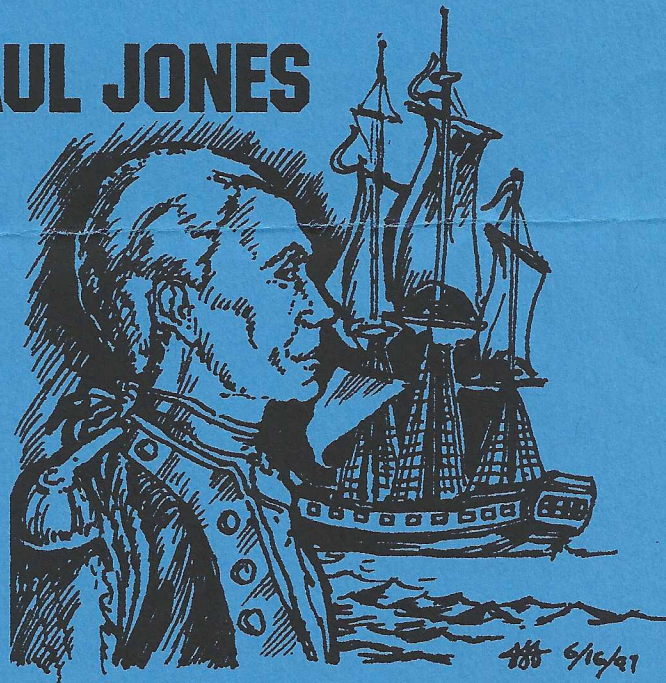
Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Denton Chapter # 23, TXSSAR Inc.



IN SEARCH OF JOHN PAUL JONES

Back in the sixties my family and I visited Mount Vernon during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. We had George Washington's home pretty much to ourselves. Our enjoyment was hampered only by the usual ropes which prevent close inspection. As we came to George Washington's library, I noticed a sculpture on top of a bookcase. Having had some art history I recognized it as a casting of the French sculptor Houdon's portrait of John Paul Jones."Isn't that John Paul Jones," I asked the guide."Yes it is," he replied. "Come on in. Most people do not recognize him," he said as he unhooked the rope blocking our way.

Ever since that experience I have had more than a passing appreciation for the "Father of the American Navy." For the moderate sum of five dollars I later purchased what appears to be a bronze copy of the gold medal that Congress gave Jones after the revolution. My interest in Jones was recently rekindled by the July/August issue of American History. The article entitled, "The Search for John Paul Jones," by James Henry Hallas, relates the compelling tale of how Horace Porter, the U. S. Ambassador to France, in 1899 located Jones's remains in Paris, France and eventually brought the body to its final resting place in Annapolis, Maryland. The article includes a photograph (taken in 1905) of the remains. This is a story to compare with the best of Agatha Christie and I highly recommend it. -Jim Johnson



JOHN PAUL JONES

WASHINGTON'S BREW NEXT MEETING

The July 3rd 7 p.m. meeting will be presented by the Denton Fermented Brewers at Cafe Garibaldi, 1813 N. Elm in Denton. If you want your tastebuds to have a trip back in time, come and try George Washington's homebrew.

Meeting: 7 P.M. July 3, CAFE GARIBALDI

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June 12, 1997

Dear Compatriot Johnson:

Your June 1997 issue carries a story about a program on Scots in the American Revolution presented by Compatriot Tom Bailey.

I'd appreciate asking him to contact me as to whether he would be interested in preparing a mini-feature article on this subject. We are starting a series of stories on ethnic diversity in the Revolution.

Many thanks for your help!

Sincerely,


Winston C. Williams

PS - I enjoy your newsletter. It is well done.



Next Meeting: 7P.M. 7/3/97 Cafe Garibaldi

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Denton Chapter #23

Meeting, 7 P.M. at Denton Good
Samaritan Village-June 5,1997

Meeting was called to order with opening ceremony by President James Baird. In the absence of the treasurer, Compatriot Baird reported a bank balance of \$750.

A patriotic and historical program relating to Colonial Literature was presented by Dr. James Duban of the University of North Texas English Department. Dr. Duban's presentation of Nathaniel Hawthorne's My Kinsman, Major Molineaux was treated as it related to the life and times of the revolutionary war period.

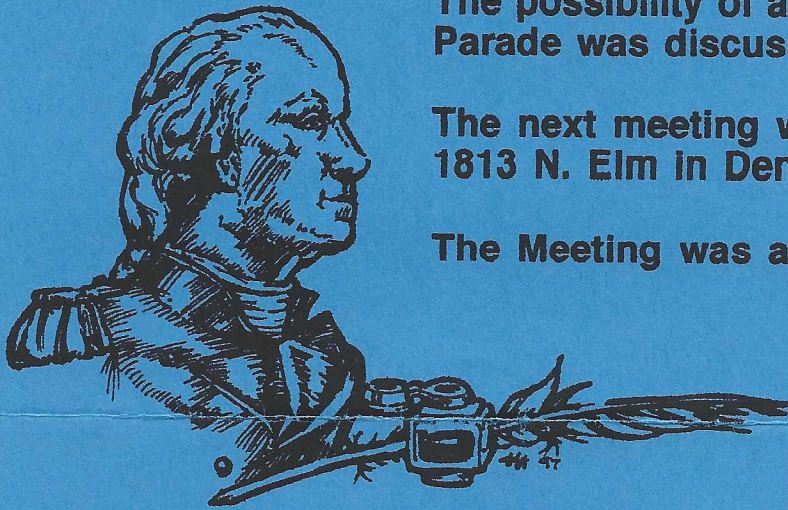
The possibility of a float for the Fourth of July Parade was discussed with no action taken.

The next meeting will be at the Cafe Garibaldi, 1813 N. Elm in Denton.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gerald S. Brenholtz
Secretary, Chapter #23
TXSSAR



SAR MEETING-July 3rd 7 P.M.,Cafe Garibaldi,1813 N. Elm

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 3rd.....George Washington's Home Brew
Denton Fermented Brewers, 7 P.M.
Cafe Garibaldi, 1813 N. Elm, Denton

SAR Member Participation List

1. Submit articles for the Newsletter
2. Turn in the biography of your ancestor
3. Complete your supplementals

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Heroes of the Revolution

John Paul Jones

John Paul ("Jones" was added later) was born on July 6, 1747, near Kirkcudbright, Scotland, the son of a gardener. His love of the sea began when he was signed on as an apprentice aboard the merchant vessel, "Friendship" at the age of twelve. He later joined the British Navy but soon realized that no one of his social strata could achieve rank in the King's Navy. After a brief stint on a slaver he worked for a while as an actor. On a voyage where he was a passenger, the Captain and the first mate died and Jones sailed the ship safely into port. The grateful owners kept him on as Captain. The flogging of a mutinous sailor (who later died) and the killing of a drunken sailor in self defense caused John Paul to flee and add Jones to his name. Considered the "Father of the American Navy" Jones is best remembered for his exploits during the revolution in particular the engagement of the "Bonhomme Richard" with the "Serapis." When the English captain called for Jones to surrender he replied, "I have not yet begun to fight."

-Based on information from
"The Search for John Paul Jones"
American History July/August, 1997, &
Compton's Interactive Encyclopedia

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