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TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Denton Chapter #23, TXSSAR Inc. Newsletter

"Patriotism, American History, & Education"

Minutes of the Meeting November 4th, 1999

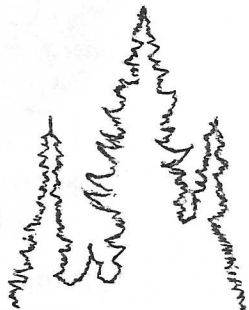
Bill Bell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Pledge to the SAR. Jim Johnson led the invocation. Present were Bill Bell, Jim Johnson, William Vaughn, Gerald Brenholtz, William Brenholtz, and Samuel Haynes. Jim Johnson presented a Bennington Flag to the Denton Chapter. Treasurer, William Vaughn gave the Treasurer's report - \$103.01 In the Memorial Fund and \$370.82 in the regular fund. The meeting was turned over to Jim Johnson who gave the program honoring George Washington. The meeting was closed with the SAR closing and the benediction.

Respectfully, Samuel Haynes

George Washington

Jim Johnson's presentation was centered around George Washington's death which occurred December 14, 1799. Washington was a man who possessed considerable wealth. Mt Vernon had more than 300 slaves. On December 12, 1799, he was exposed in the saddle for several hours to cold and snow and developed what physicians called quinsy. Quinsy was really an acute closing of the breathing apparatus of the throat. The chief remedy, which was useless, was bleeding. This was done until he was weakened by the bleeding as well as the strangling. December 14th, he remarked that he "could not last long." He "believed that from the beginning, this would be his last hours." "My breath cannot last long."

His last will stated, "All my debts, of which there are few, are to be punctually and speedily paid." It also stated that, "at the death of my wife, all slaves are to be freed." Then, two days after becoming ill, on December 14th, Washington died. He was buried in the family vault at Mt. Vernon. The tribute of his friend, "Light-Horse Harry" Lee: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."



December 2nd Meeting

Denton Good Samaritan Village - 7pm
Dec. 2nd - Patrick Haughton - Color Guard
How to organize, and run a Color Guard - a must for the organization to be recognized and establish a name for itself in the community

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God Bless each and every one and may the next century find you with as much contentment as I see in this 1920 Drawing

