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"Patriotism, American History, & Education"

Minutes of the Meeting January 6, 2000

President Bill Bell began the meeting at 7:05 requesting the opening prayer by Chaplain Tom Bailey. The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pledge to the SAR followed. Present for the meeting were Bill Bell, James Johnson, Gerald Brenholtz, Bill Holder, Tom Bailey, John Monroe and Samuel Haynes. President Bell then introduced Samuel Haynes who showed slides depicting points of his family's history. President Bell announced that the proposed officers for the year 2000, 2001 would be voted upon at the next meeting. Nominations from the floor would be encouraged. Chaplain Bailey gave the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned with the SAR Closing.

Respectfully submitted, Samuel Haynes

Election of New Officers at the Feb. 3rd Meeting

The nominating committee, James Baird, Bill Bell and James Johnson have met and suggested the following officers for the year 2000/2001. President, James Johnson; Vice President, Samuel Haynes; Secretary, Doyle Holder; Treasurer, William P. Vaughn; Registrar, Gerald S. Brenholtz; Historian, James Baird; Chaplain, Thomas D. Bailey. Nominations from the floor will be encouraged, so please come and participate in the election.

President's Day

February is the month to celebrate the birthdays for two presidents. February 22nd is George Washington's and we should again remember the steadfast character and devotion to duty of our first president. February 12th is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.



## **February 3rd Meeting**

Denton Good Samaritan Village - 7pm William Vaughn Political Scandals

Freedom in our culture has become widespread acceptance of the 'law of nature,' 'survival of the fittest;' - the rule of pitting each individual against every other one to see who wins all. Remember the old adage that for every action, there is a re-action. National Geographic, in a recent film study of the mutual hatred between the lion and the hyena, clearly shows both. The film showed the male lion marking

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his territory followed by the female leader of the hyena group marking her territory by taking in part of the lion's. This began a series of each taking more of the other's claim until the hyena brazenly made her mark too close to the lion. The lion jumped to his feet, chased the hyena down and crushed her back, killing her - classic case of 'survival of the fittest.' On the other hand, at another time, the entire pride of lions were busily devouring their kill. A group of hyenas happened along at this time and decided to take advantage of the opportunity. One hyena would grab the hindquarter of a lion, and when the lion turned, another hyena would grab the shoulder. The person discussing

the encounter described the efforts of the hyenas as the most incredible example of coordination and cooperation he had ever seen. The result - one lion killed and the hyenas taking over the feast - an example of working together with cooperation to defeat individual strength, and power.

