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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 Sept. 7, 2000*

President James Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. President Johnson gave the opening prayer and Gerald Brenholtz led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the SAR Opening Pledge. Present for the meeting were, members William Vaughn, Gerald Brenholtz, William Brenholtz, James Baird, James Johnson, John Monroe, Chris Casey, Samuel Haynes, and Jack Haughton. In addition, there were about twenty-five distinguished guests. President Johnson then introduced Judge John M. Marshall, of the 14th District Court, Dallas County. Judge Marshall is a descendant of John Marshall, the fourth Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. His subject was, "The United States Constitution." The business meeting commenced following the program with the presentation of the Martha Washington medal to Mary Lynn Johnson for her outstanding work including five programs presented to various SAR Chapters, preparation of cockades sold by the Denton Chapter, and for bringing to the meetings cakes, cookies, and puddings which she prepared from recipes dating to revolutionary times. Next, President Johnson gave Samuel Haynes the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for service with the newsletter and a Certificate for Color Guard activity and a Spirit of '76 Bicentennial Pin. President Johnson also received a Certificate for Color Guard Activity.

John David Monroe and Christopher Casey were asked to come forward and were presented their Membership Certificates. Treasurer William Vaughn gave the Treasurer's report - regular account, \$741.87 and memorial account, \$113.05. Committee reports were made by James Baird and Jack Haughton. John Greer made a request that magazines be brought to the SAR office for distribution to veterans in the VA hospitals. An amendment to the Bylaws proposed at the June meeting to abolish the annual rate increase and revert to rates billed by the state was voted upon and passed unanimously. The item for New Business was sponsorship of the local Sea Cadets requiring a donation of \$100. James Baird made a motion that the contribution be made. Jack Haughton seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the ensuing vote. The meeting then closed. Samuel Haynes led the SAR closing and James Johnson gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully,  
Samuel Haynes

#### *Reading of the Constitution*

The Mayor of Denton, Ms Euline Brock, read the proclamation at a special meeting of the City Council 6 pm Sept. 13th to establish Constitution Week. The DAR and SAR conducted a reading of the Constitution and ringing of the bells at the County Courthouse lawn Sunday, Sept. 17th at 4 pm. The reading was a very successful affair and is being adopted across more and more of the country.



## Next Meeting Will Be:

Oct. 5th, 2000

Good Samaritan Village, 7pm

The Speaker Will Be:

**Dr. Larry Gleeson**

Subject: "18th Century American Art"

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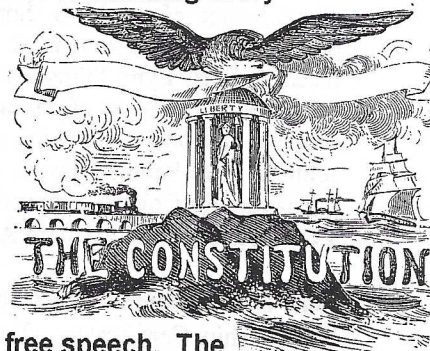
James Baird

Genealogist & Membership

Gerald Brenholtz

## *"An Evening With Judge John Marshall"*

Judge Marshall gave us his remarkable insight into the workings of the U. S. Constitution. "There is no other government on earth having a form of government capable of handling every conceivable kind of problem as those handled by ours." A key is that our government is in the hands of the people, not the few with elaborate holdings, but all the people. Our court system relies on average people using common sense, and Judge Marshall says he is always surprised by the judgement shown by these people. Marshall was asked to comment about the status of three current questions - that of public prayer in schools, malicious treatment of the Flag, and Roe vs Wade. He believes that neither of these will pass or become part of the constitution. In the case of public prayer in schools, Jefferson did not mean to imply a war on the church but contrarily did not want government to interfere with churches. If enacted, such law would soon become a severe limitation on free speech. The other two have equally serious constitutional objections. Most of us heartily agree with Judge Marshall that the Constitution will do until something better comes along and nothing has, not anywhere in the world.



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