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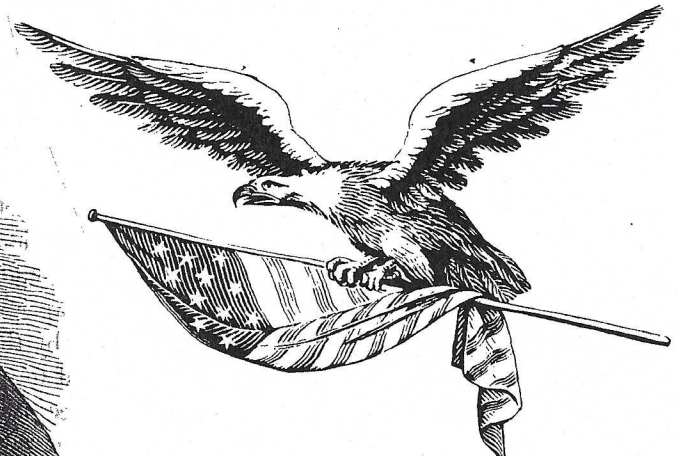
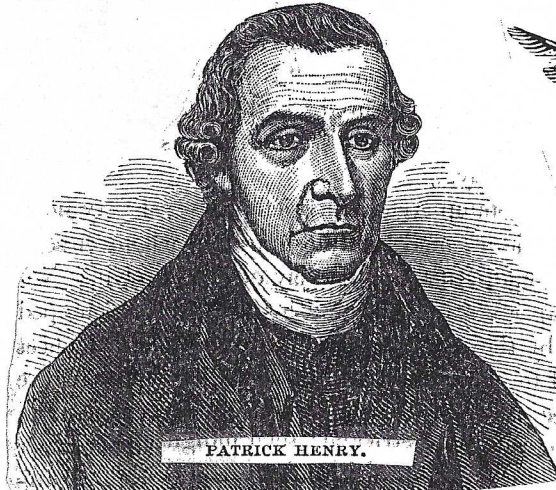
Minutes of the Meeting Jan. 4, 2001

President James Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:15. Bill Bell Gave the invocation. Gerald Brenholtz led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, the Pledge to the Texas Flag and the Pledge to the S.A.R. Members present were James Johnson, Gerald Brenholtz, William Brenholtz, William Vaughn, John Monroe, Chris Casey, Sam Haynes, and Bill Bell. Guests were Gary Sisson, Dorothy Bertine, A.L. and Georgia Head and George Burladge. President Johnson introduced Gary Sisson who gave the famous speech of Patrick Henry. Following the speech, President Johnson presented Mr. Sisson with a George III ha-penny, which Gary said he would place next to his heart, as he slipped into his hip pocket, and a certificate. President Johnson next commended Dr. William Vaughn for many years of service as Treasurer and presented him with the Good Citizenship Medal. Treasurer Vaughn gave the Treasurer's report - regular account, \$575.87, and memorial account, \$118.20. Bill Bell gave the recommendation of the Nominating Committee - to retain the same officers for 2001. Dr Vaughn seconded the recommendation which was passed unanimously. Dr. Vaughn made a motion that for the current year the bylaws be suspended in order that voting will take place at the February meeting and officers will be installed at the same meeting. Bill Bell seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The permanent change to the by-laws will be voted upon at the next meeting and are as follows. The nominating committee will be appointed in October, candidates for new officers will be announced at the November meeting and the new officers will be installed at the January Meeting. The SAR closing was led by Gerald Brenholtz. Bill Bell gave the closing prayer.

respectfully submitted, Samuel Haynes

PATRICK HENRY

Patrick Henry could not have given a more stirring speech than that given by Gary Sisson. The discussion following the speech was even more enlightening. When asked, "How did you manage to remember the speech so well,?" Gary told us that an exact copy of the entire speech doesn't exist. Much research was required to derive the speech as given. Compatriot Dr. Vaughn had much more information about Patrick Henry. We have living in Denton, a direct descendent of Patrick Henry, retired librarian of the University of North Texas, Miss Whitmore, a great granddaughter. Henry had seventeen children. Compared to his contemporaries, Jefferson, Adams, and others, he reached a peak too early. He never attained the high national office he so desperately wanted. Later, he became overwhelmed with jealousy of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. Henry had originally aligned himself with the Jeffersonian party. But decided he hated Jefferson and Madison so much that in the last two years of his life, he became a Hamiltonian Federalist. He was appointed to a diplomatic position but died before he could take office.



Next Meeting Will Be:

Feb. 1, 2001

Good Samaritan Village, 7pm

The Speaker Will Be:

Dr. Mary Lynn Johnson

Subject: 18th Century Science

Addendum to the election:
Chris Casey has agreed
to accept the office of
Secretary - 2001

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Officers

President

James J Johnson

Vice President

Samuel Haynes

Treasurer

William Vaughn

Chaplain

Tom Bailey

Historian

James Baird

Genealogist & Membership

Gerald Brenholtz

IS HARVARD ALWAYS RIGHT?

Writing in the "New York Times," Harvard historian David Donald said that economic circumstances had so changed that American history had become virtually irrelevant. He indicated that it would be foolish to continue teaching American history and that in the coming school term, his main goal would be to disenthral his students "from the spell of history, to help them see the irrelevance of the past." Other universities apparently followed suit. B. Rice Aston stated in the Headquarters Dispatch that the June 27th televised ACTA report disclosed that 81% of seniors at top rated colleges received D or F on high school level American History questions. ACTA advisor Joseph Lieberman is pushing hard for correction of this serious national problem. Both the House and Senate passed unanimously, a Resolution calling on boards of trustees, college administrators, and state officials to strengthen American History requirements. The ACTA will be sending a copy of the Resolution and report to over 2,000 colleges and universities. Senator Lieberman and his colleagues will hold Congressional hearings to focus more on this national disaster.



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