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TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, DENTON CHAPTER #23, TXSSAR INC.®



**Next Meeting: October 12, 2024 at 10am**

**Emily Fowler Public Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton**

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### Opportunities

1. **October 12, Denton Chapter meeting**
2. November 11, Veterans Day
3. November 16, Patriot William Gates Grave marking
4. January 2025, Denton Chapter meeting

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## Fellow Compatriots-

Just a reminder that we previously moved our regularly scheduled October meeting to **October 12 @ 10 AM at Emily Fowler Library**. Looking forward to seeing everyone there on 10/12!

Also -- just a little housekeeping.

We've been asked to share a video with our members about the Education Center and Museum National SAR is developing in our National Headquarters in Louisville KY. It is a short video, but very well done. It is easily pulled up from YouTube with this URL :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUYHP9jtdMk>

Please review!

Thanks!

Brandon Story

President, Denton Chapter # 23

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## SAR Genealogical Research Library

The SAR Genealogical Research Library would like to thank all of those donors who have made a gift to the Library of time, money, or collections. The Library collection is open to the public and provides robust resources for filling in the branches of your family tree. For more information please [click here](#).

**The mission of the SAR Genealogical Research Library is to maintain and enlarge the collection of genealogical and historical materials available for research by SAR members and the general public. Additionally, it is to acquire and preserve records of the American Revolution and foster and encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution period. The SAR Genealogical Research Library will serve to reinforce the Center for Advancing America's Heritage educational, patriotic, and historical outreach initiatives.**

**To donate to the SAR Genealogical Research Library, please [click here](#).**



### Patriot William Gates Grave Marking

Compatriots,

The Freedom Chapter would like to announce an upcoming marker dedication at the historic Gates-Perry Cemetery located in Gates Crossing, a ranch community in Washington County, Texas. We will honor Revolutionary War Patriot William Gates who, as part of Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred," arrived in Texas in the early 1800s and settled in what is known today as Washington on the Brazos. The Freedom Chapter and the DAR Coushatti Trace Chapter will be adding Patriot Grave Markers within the cemetery.

We will jointly host this dedication ceremony with the DAR for these markers on **November 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.** Formal invitations, including details, maps, parking information, and other logistics, will be posted on the events calendar in the coming week. Please mark your calendar and share this with your members or others who may be interested. We look forward to your presence as we celebrate this significant event!

If you have any questions, contact:

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# Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour



**August 16, 2024** saw the kick off this monumental Bicentennial celebration. The hundreds of events planned will trace Lafayette's footstep on the exact dates and in the exact order he followed on his tour of America as the "Guest of the Nation" between 1824 and 1825. Celebration and party at every stop.

An introductory video is here:

<https://vimeo.com/855470022>

**Did your Patriot meet Lafayette on his tour? Check out the map on the Tour website <https://lafayette200.org/>, research your Patriot's life and/or family in 1824-1825. Was he still alive? Was he or his ancestors on the Tour route? Any family documentation for that period of time?**

## October 1824

October 1-5, 1824 — Philadelphia, PA	October 13, 1824 — Washington, D.C.	October 22, 1824 — Jamestown, VA
October 5, 1824 — Philadelphia & Chester, PA	October 14, 1824 — Washington, D.C.	October 22, 1824 — Norfolk, VA
October 6, 1824 — Wilmington, DE	October 15, 1824 — Washington, D.C.	October 23, 1824 — Norfolk, VA
October 6, 1824 — New Castle, DE	October 16, 1824 — Washington, D.C.	October 24, 1824 — Norfolk, VA
October 6, 1824 — Elkton, MD	October 15, 1824 — Arlington, VA	October 24, 1824 — Fort Monroe, VA
October 7-10, 1824 — Baltimore, MD	October 16, 1824 — Alexandria, VA	October 25, 1824 — Portsmouth, VA
October 8, 1824 — Baltimore, MD	October 17, 1824 — Mount Vernon, VA	October 26, 1824 — Richmond, VA
October 9, 1824 — Baltimore, MD	October 18, 1824 — Yorktown, VA	October 27, 1824 — Richmond, VA
October 10, 1824 — Baltimore, MD	October 19, 1824 — Yorktown, VA	October 28, 1824 — Richmond, VA
October 11, 1824 — Rossburg, MD	October 20, 1824 — Williamsburg, VA	October 29, 1824 — Petersburg, VA
October 12, 1824 — Washington, D.C.	October 21, 1824 — Williamsburg, VA	October 30, 1824 — Richmond, VA



# Bench for Denton

## SAR 250th Anniversary of America

### Memorial Bench Program



#### STATUS:

1. I have contacted other Texas SAR chapters with bench projects.
2. I have contacted the bench provider for the other chapters.
3. The Denton DAR chapter has approved a joint project.
4. I am working with the Denton DAR Bench project manager to develop a plan and a presentation.
5. The Denton DAR chapter president has discussed the project with the Denton County contact.

#### Next steps:

1. Work with Denton DAR project manager on plan & presentation
2. Present plan to Denton SAR & DAR chapters
3. Update plan and presentation based on feedback
4. Present plan to Denton County contacts
5. Gain approval to install bench

# Denton SAR Chapter Color Guard



**Denton SAR Color Guard marching in the Denton 4th of July parade.**



Member David Cook made two presentations acting as George Washington to two Dar chapters recently. The Benjamin Lyons DAR chapter included forty attendees on September 13 in recognition of Constitution Day. The meeting was at the Emily library in Denton.

The Cross Timbers Dar chapter meeting was on September 21 at the Angelinas Mexican restaurant in Lewisville. There were twenty in attendance for the recognition of Constitution Day.

David was dressed in a replica of George Washington's uniform and related stories from a book titled "Little known stories of the American Revolution".

## Join the Denton Chapter Color Guard

Members can participate individually or we can attend as a Color Guard unit representing the Denton SAR Chapter. New Color Guard members are welcome. Color guard members wanting to attend are to contact Color Guard Commander David Cook.

It is significant to note that several events are designated as National Events which earns 20 points toward national and state Color Guard medals.

**"We are the face of the Sons of the American Revolution at the national, state, and chapter levels. Accordingly, as we further the Patriotic, Historic, and Educational Goals of the SAR let us have fun, enjoy the comradely, and practice safety for yourself and others. Yours in Patriotism**

**K. Scott Collins National Society SAR Color Guard Commander"**

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# America 250 Decade Of The American Revolution



The National SAR has created this **Decade of the American Revolution** calendar to list Revolutionary War signature events each year that will be the focus of the NSSAR main celebration. Every State Society and all State Chapters should download the programs for the year and celebrate with us in your local area.

**December 16, 2023 Boston Tea Parth**

**August 14, 2024 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's arrival in the U.S. for his Tour**

**September 5, 2024 The First Continental Congress**

**2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord.**

**2026 Declaration of Independence**

**2027 Battle of Saratoga**

**2028 French Alliance**

**2029 Siege of Vincennes/Fort Sackville Battle of Kettle Creek**

**2030 Battle of Kings Mountain**

**2031 Siege of Yorktown 2032 Battle of Blue Licks**

**2033 Treaty of Paris**

Visit <https://america250sar.org/rd/> for details of each event.



## All-Day Learning Available at the Annual Genealogy Lock-In, Oct. 18



It's October, and that must mean it's time for the annual Genealogy Lock-In at the Emily Fowler Central Library. Co-sponsored by the Waco-McLennan County Library's Genealogy Center and the Central Texas Genealogy Society, this event features a full day of genealogy webinars by noted presenters from around Texas and across the country. The event is virtual and freely streamed to libraries across the state.

The 2024 Genealogy Lock-In will be held on Friday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Participants can come-and-go, stay for the full day, or view the programs from the comfort of their own home. Eight presentations will be offered throughout the day.

**In-person participants** will gather in the Emily Fowler Central Library's meeting room, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, to view the webinars. Librarians and volunteers will be available for one-on-one help for those attending in person; tours of Special Collections will round out the day.

**At-home participants** will receive a link to view the webinars via email 24 hours prior to the event.

[Follow this link](#) or call 940-349-8749 to register for this FREE event. Registration opens October 1. The event features the following presentations:

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.—***U.S. Naturalization: The Records, The Laws and the Impact***  
**Irene B. Walters**, librarian, Houston Public Library's Family History Research Center

Discover the history of United States naturalization laws and requirements, how they affected your ancestors and their naturalizations, and how to utilize naturalization records for genealogical research.

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.—***Genealogy Resources at the Texas General Land Office***  
**Kevin Klaus**, Texas General Land Office Research Room team leader and information specialist

The Texas General Land Office holds a wealth of genealogical resources for anyone researching ancestors who received an original Texas land grant. The collection includes more than 35.5 million documents and over 45,000 maps and sketches, dating back to 1561. Explore the Spanish collection, and grants given under the Republic of Texas with an emphasis on bounty and donation grants, the Court of Claims files, and Confederate Scrip Voucher files. Learn how to search the free online database.

11:00 – 11:50 a.m.—***So You Discovered You Have a Colonial Ancestor. Now What?***  
**Craig R. Scott**, MA, CG, FUGA, president and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc.

Learn how to create a research plan for your colonial ancestor using available records in free and subscription databases. Examine existing laws in the period, the land process, and the probate process, as well as look for muster rolls and payrolls, and learn how to use the state archives to enhance your search.

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.— ***Lunch on Your Own***

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### 12:50 – 2:10 p.m. — **Getting Started with Your Genealogy**

**Laura Douglas**, head of Special Collections, Denton Public Library

Are you curious about your family history but just not sure how to start? It may be easier than you think. In this session we will discuss the basic concepts and processes of genealogical research, the first steps in gathering information, how to locate and evaluate records, and how to find free or low-cost training to grow your genealogical skills.

### 2:25 – 3:15 p.m. — **Introducing the Retro Tech Lab: Digitally Preserving Family History**

**Mark Dellenbaugh**, MA, MLIS, genealogy and local history librarian at the Arlington Public Library

Learn about APL's experience of pitching, creating, and operating our new Retro Technology Lab and about personal digital archiving. The session will include a demonstration of some of the equipment and software used for converting audio and video tapes, 8mm & Super8 film, photos, negatives, slides, etc., to digital files, as well as lessons learned. Meet our most memorable patrons and hear their heart-warming moments of family memories preserved.

### 3:30 – 4:20 p.m. — **I've Found My Irish Immigrant Ancestor. Now What?**

**Claire Bradley**, MA, director of Irish Studies of the International Institute of Genealogical Studies

Are you lucky enough to have identified an Irish ancestor's place of origin? Depending on when the person emigrated, there are several ways to approach your next research avenue. Learn how to find resources available online, as well as where to find offline resources in Ireland, what research can be arranged remotely, and what must be done in person. Explore planning a research trip to Ireland and how to use DNA test results to enhance your work.

### 4:35 – 5:25 p.m. — **Writing Your Family Story: Learning to Assess and Compile Your Research**

**Emily Coffman Richardson**, genealogist with KinSearchers; director-at-large, TxSGS

Writing our story and those of our ancestors is truly a key result for a genealogist in the 21st century. The stories need to be written with either our voice or our hands. As genealogists we must get out of the habit of "hunters n' gatherers" and learn to assess and compile to write the stories that we are finding. This program will teach the keys behind these components so that you can move towards becoming a researcher and a storyteller.

### 5:40 – 6:30 p.m. — **Proven Methods for Breaking Down Genealogical Brick Walls**

**Leslie Tomlinson**, MFA, CG

Learn the skills to advance your research and develop strategies to help you get around those roadblocks in your family research, using familiar resources such as the federal census, courthouse records, tax records, and passenger lists.

—Nancy Gilbride Casey  
DPL Volunteer



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Also see the Denton Chapter Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dentontxsar>



### Editor's Note

The Chapter **website** is <https://www.txssar.org/Denton/>. On that site are the back copies of this newsletter, information about the Chapter, and links to the SAR State and National web sites.

All of these communication devices take time to maintain. If you would like to help and/or take over one of these, please let me know.

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