

Sons of the American Revolution East Fork-Trinity Chapter No. 47 Texas Society

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**Meeting Minutes for: August 8, 2024 (Amended)
Meeting Location: Soulman's Bar-B-Que, 691 I-30 Rockwall, Texas
Attendees: (See signup sheet)**

Meeting Called to Order by President Randall van Heyst at: 7:04 p.m.

Invocation – Walt Thomas

**Pledge to the American Flag – Paul Ridenour
Pledge to the Texas Flag – David Routh
Affirmation to the SAR – Jason Gray
SAR Mission Statement – Gary Lovell**

Welcome – Randall van Heyst

Americanism Moment: Grand Union Flag presentation presented by Randall van Heyst.

Program – Paul Ridenour did a presentation on his ancestry.

**Approval of the Minutes from the July 2024 meeting:
Motion to accept made by Bob Vickers
Seconded by David Powell**

President Van Heyst invited everyone to participate in the State Fair event at the DAR House.

Treasurer's Report by Gary Lovell (See attached report)

President Van Heyst reminded us of the youth contests available through the SAR. The Oration Contest, the Essay Contest, the Poster Contest, the Brochure Contest and the new Joseph Rumbaugh Contest.

Registrar's Report by David Powell - Received 7 certificates last week and announced price increases.

New Inductees Fred Martin and Jason King Sworn in.

Bob Vickers Presented His Supplemental Ancestor Henry Hardin.

BOB VICKERS: If you don't mind I would like to impart a few words about Mr. -- General Caswell, actually. And so, if you can bear with me.

Richard Caswell was born in Joppa, Maryland in 1729 and moved to North Carolina. He couldn't wait to get out of Maryland. But, anyway, got to North Carolina in 1746. And he was like 16 years old or whatever. But anyway, he was a surveyor by trade. And in 1750 he was appointed Deputy Surveyor of The Colony of North Carolina. In 1752 he ended up being clerk of the court of Orange County, also in North Carolina, and served in the position for 3 years.

He studied law and was admitted to the Bar in 1754 and establish his practice in Hillsborough, North Carolina. And was elected to serve as a member of the Colonial House of Delegates and served in that position from 1754 until 1771 and was Speaker for the last two years. And he also served in the militia, in the North Carolina militia with the rank of colonel. And in 1771 he saw action in the Battle of Alamance. He was also a member of the Continental Congress in 1774 and 1775.

And 3 years later the French -- or the First Provincial Congress named Caswell as one of the delegates to the First Continental Congress, which occurred in Philadelphia in 1774.

And at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in 1776 he led 1,100 troops and upset the British invasion plans there. And his victory really made him a hero of the Revolution. So, as a result of the victory there at Moore's Creek Bridge, later in 1776 he was named Brigadier General and Commander of the militia in one of the six military districts in North Carolina.

He was named as a Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention in 1776 and was President of that convention.

And he was Governor of North Carolina actually a total of six times. The governors at that point only served a one-year term. And he termed out after five and came back later as Governor again. And he was elected Major General in the Continental Army by the state legislature. Now, that was very interesting, because the state legislatures, the states could have two major generals and they had to be elected by the -- by their legislatures, but he also, after becoming a Major General he commanded the troops at the Battle of Camden in 1780 and served in the Continental Army until the close of the war. And let's see. Bear with me.

He was also a member of the state senate from 1782 to 1784 and served as Speaker of the state senate. And as I say, his last term of Governor was in 1785 and served until 1787. And he was appointed as a delegate to the Second Constitutional Convention in 1787, but was unable to attend. He fell sick. And he was also a member of the state convention that adopted the Federal Constitution in 1789. And he was a speaker and member of the state house of commons in 1789 and served until his death in November of 1789.

As I say, he had quite a -- you know, quite a career. But I'm really proud of him, so just wanted y'all to know.

(Applause.)

Birthdays – Bob Vickers, Mindy Lovell & Jason Gray

Door Prize Drawing – Paul Ridenour

SAR Closing – Gary Lovell

Benediction – Walt Thomas

Declaration of Adjournment – Randall van Heyst at 8:24 p.m.

August 12, 2024

David B. Jackson, Secretary, East Fork-Trinity Chapter #47, TXSSAR