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## George Washington Reception

On the occasion of the 272<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of George Washington's birth, on behalf of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California the newly formed "Friends of the Library" hosted a very special tribute to the father of our country.



*As the Hon. G. Richard Stanford and guests look on, that renown Revolutionary woman Abigail Adams (portrayed by Ms. Judith Helton), wife of one President and the mother of another, recalls her life in the Revolutionary War period.*



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Over 100 guests gathered at the Sons of the Revolution Library on Sunday, February 22, 2004 to honor the memory of our nation's first president, and to enjoy a few hours of mutual friendship and conviviality. An Honor Guard led by SR Board member Brett A. Landis, all in period dress as Gen. Cornwallis' 33<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot, greeted guests at the door with a program. Arriving to the beautiful sounds of harpist Monique McDuffin playing period music, attendees enjoyed a fine assortment of "finger food" and beverages while awaiting the arrival of Abigail Adams. Following a welcome by Society President Charles B. Witt, Jr., Library Director James D. Boyle, MD briefly spoke about current projects underway at the Library and Friends of the Library Co-Chair Colette Witt welcomed everyone. During her twenty-minute performance, actress Judith Helton transported all to the time of the American Revolution relaying tidbits of life and personalities of that era. Following the presentation, guests were treated to George Washington's favorite drink, *Fish House Punch*, a colonial concoction of Philadelphia's State in Schuylkill gentleman's club.

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## Why do we have a Library?

The Sons of the Revolution was founded to venerate those who served in the Revolutionary War, to keep alive the traditions engendered during and as a result of that conflict, to maintain the patriotic traditions of the United States of America, and to keep ever fresh the memory of individuals who served in that war through genealogical research into the heritage of those eligible for membership in the SR. To facilitate this, the Society maintains a genealogical research library, open to members and the public at no charge, and from time to time publishes a journal containing material relevant to its purpose, which is sent to its members at no charge.

To properly perpetuate in California the memory of these men, in 1893 Sons of the Revolution Library was established as the "Repository of the Southwest" for the preservation and collection of the rolls, records, manuscripts, books, and other documents relating to the contest for American Independence and for the study and research of early American history. For over 110 years the Library has remained the Society's premier public service project for the community. Those interested in our country's early history, or that of a state, county or city; pursuing genealogical inquiries; or who are merely curiosity, are encouraged to visit the Society's Library.

## Library Awarded Modernization Grant

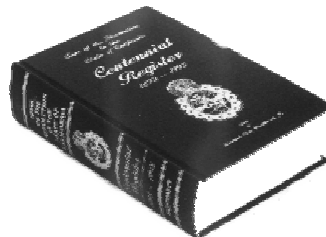
In October, 2003 the Society received nearly \$66,000 in the form of a LSTA grant to: 1) organize and catalog the holdings of its 110 year old library; 2) place the resulting electronic catalog on-line on the Society's website, and 3) make certain holdings available through Interlibrary Loan. The entire collection of books, manuscripts, pamphlets and photographs will be cataloged, including such items as handwritten family histories, photographs of 19th century members who were California leaders, and 19th century vital records.

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) is a federal grant program administered in California by the State Librarian. The LSTA, a part of the Museum and Library Services Act of 1996, was enacted October 1, 1996. The LSTA program is administered at the Federal level by an independent Institute of Museum and Library Services. The bulk of LSTA funds are allocated to state library agencies to develop local library services and state library services, stimulate and promote resource sharing, encourage technological innovation, enhance electronic networking and linkages among libraries of all types, and improve services to the under-served or those persons whose needs are not met by traditional library service.

Including Society funds and in-kind donations, the total project budget is approximately \$117,000. Completion of the project is anticipated by September 30, 2004.

## Centennial Register

Published in 1995, the *Centennial Register* is much more than just a Society Register. It contains a detailed history of the California Society, its Library, biographies of its Presidents and early prominent members, and origins of the General Society. It also includes a complete listing of all the members admitted to membership in the California Society during its first 100 years, including



Revolutionary War service for each of the 4,000 plus qualifying ancestors.

To order a copy of this 1,300 plus page work, send your check in the amount of \$54.00 (includes sales tax, shipping and handling) to: Centennial Register, P.O. Box 8454, Universal City, California 91618-8454.

## The SR Library and its Friends

In January, 2000 the Society's Board of Directors appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Long-Term Goals of the Library to consider the Library's future. In September of that year it recommended to the Board that the Society develop additional sources of funding for the growing needs of our Library.

Fortunately for the Society, during this same period, several significant gifts enabled the Library to expand farther and faster than at any other time in its history. Lansing Glenn Lytle Sayre, President Emeritus of the Society, left a sizable gift to the Sons of the Revolution at the time of his passing. This was followed by a bequest of \$50,000 from the late of John L. Herrick, another President Emeritus of the Society. In addition to these bequests, over the course of the past four years, an anonymous donor has contributed over \$25,000 to the Library.

In October, 2003, the Society received a \$66,000 grant to organize and catalog the library's holdings and to place the resulting electronic catalog on-line.

These gifts enabled the Society to begin to address many long over-due needs of the Library, but much more will be required.

Following the recommendations made by the Committee on Long-Term Goals of the Library, in January, 2001 then Society President Newell Williams appointed a committee to study the feasibility of establishing a community outreach, or "Friends of the Library", organization. After a comprehensive study, and based on several of the recommendations of the committee, under the leadership of President Charles B. Witt, Jr., and Senior Vice President James D. Boyle, MD, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the formation and structure of the *Friends of the Library* in March, 2002.

Dr. James D. Boyle, on behalf of the committee, made a presentation before the general membership at the Annual Meeting held Saturday, January 25, 2003 at the Brookside Country Club. The founding of the *Friends of the Library* was announced and Mrs. Elizabeth Hay White, the *Friends* first Chair, was introduced. Subsequently, a Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library was organized.

At its first meeting, in the Board Room at the Sons of the Revolution Library, the Board of the *Friends of the Library* appointed Mrs. Charles B. (Colette) Witt, the Society's First Lady, as Co-Chair to serve along with Mrs. White.

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of California looks forward to a long working relationship with the *Friends of the Library*.

### SONS OF THE REVOLUTION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 2004 Board of Directors

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## CLASS OF 2004



| <u>Date Admitted</u> | <u>State No.</u> | <u>Member's Name</u>          |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 12 April 2003        | 3373-L           | Cleve Robert Ferguson         |
| 12 April 2003        | 3374-L           | Thomas Edward Mayall          |
| 12 April 2003        | 3375-L           | Don Michael Loper             |
| 12 April 2003        | 3376-A           | Robert Timothy McCrillis      |
| 12 April 2003        | 3377-A           | Roger John Graham             |
| 20 Sep. 2003         | 3378-A           | Walter Stewart Roberts, Jr.   |
| 20 Sep. 2003         | 3379-A           | William Ennis Thomson         |
| 10 Jan. 2004         | 3380-L           | Harold Frederick Hattier, III |

### 2004 CALENDAR

#### February 22, 2004

George Washington Church Service

#### April 24, 2004

Patriot's Day Luncheon

#### July 10, 2004

Independence Day Luncheon

#### October 16, 2004

Saratoga / Yorktown Luncheon

#### January 22, 2005

Annual Membership Luncheon

Luncheons commence at 12 NOON at the announced location. Attendance is by reservation only. No walk-ins or refunds.

#### Board of Directors Meetings

March 20, 2004

June 26, 2004

September 18, 2004

January 8, 2005

10:00 A.M.

Sons of the Revolution Library  
Glendale, California

### Membership Queries

Membership queries are welcomed, enclosing a curriculum vitae, and may be directed to

**Membership Committee**  
**Sons of the Revolution**  
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## 81<sup>st</sup> Annual George Washington Commemorative Church Service

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of California and its members sponsored its 81<sup>st</sup> Annual George Washington Birthday Commemorative Church Service in honor of the Father of our Country.



The service was held at the Episcopal Cathedral Center of St. Paul at 840 Echo Park Avenue in Los

Angeles. This special service honored the 272<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the birth of George Washington who led our armies during the War for Independence and became the Father of our Country.

Society President Charles B. Witt, Jr., a former National President of the National Society of Washington Family Descendants, led a delegation of members at the service. The service included a eulogy on George Washington delivered by member Wayne Rogers.

The George Washington Commemorative Church Service was founded in 1924 by the Rt. Rev. William Bertrand Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Episcopal Bishop of Los Angeles and a longtime Chaplain of the California Society.

### SONS OF THE REVOLUTION LIBRARY

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#### Library Hours

**Wednesday . . . . 12 Noon to 6 P.M.**  
**Thursday - Saturday 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.**

**Closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,  
Legal  
Holidays and All of December.**

## Charles B. Witt, Jr. Re-Elected President



Dr. Charles B. Witt, Jr., a prominent Los Angeles thoracic surgeon, was installed for a third term as President of the Society at the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held Saturday, January 10, 2004. Dr. Witt, who first joined the Society Board in 1967, previously served as National President of the National Society of Washington Family Descendants.

*President Charles B. Witt, Jr., MD*



*Lt. Gen. John M. Wright, Jr., USA (Ret.), President Emeritus,  
installs the Society's 2004 officers and directors.*

## Washington's Trust

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it," was an injunction believed in and practiced by the parents of our first President. Occasionally statements are made that George Washington was not a religious man. Such statements, usually emanating from obscure sources, are easily refuted by reading Washington's own writings. All through his life Washington referred to the Providence of his Maker. In a letter to his brother, written a few days after Braddock's defeat, he said:

*"By the all-powerful dispensations of Providence I have been protected beyond all human probability, or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me."*

The acknowledgment of this belief is repeated over and over again in his writings. Even in the orders to his troops can be found similar statements referring to ". . . the aid of the Supreme Being, in whose hands victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble actions." With our nation again at war, let us, the descendants of those who fought to secure this nation, remember that it is to him, "that Almighty Being who rules over the universe – who resides in the councils of nations – and whose providential aids can supply every human defect – that His benediction . . . consecrates the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States, a government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes. . .".

## Members in the News

President Emeritus **William W. Huss, Jr.** was recently awarded the "Order of California" by the Adjutant General of the State of California for his fifteen years of service to the California State Military Department. Judge Huss continues to serve as a



*Brigadier General William G. Hamilton presents the Order of California to William W. Huss, Jr. on behalf of the Governor and the Adjutant General.*

Colonel in the California State Military Reserve (CASMR) and is only the second person in the CASMR ever to receive the Order of California. Colonel Huss commands the Naval History Research & Study Element of the California Center for Military History.

Congratulations to **Mark J. Denger**, Archivist and past vice president of the Society, who recently was awarded both the California Commendation Medal (second award) and California State Service Ribbon in support of the mobilization of California Army National Guard organizations and soldiers during the period of 22 August 2002 through 29 June 2003. Mr. Denger has also served this Society as a member of the Board of Directors for the past nine years. Since the tragic events of 9/11 he has been called to active duty on several occasions. Warrant Officer Denger also received a Letter of Commendation from Maj. Gen. John E. Bianchi, Commanding General, California State Military Reserve, and two Certificates of Appreciation from Maj. Gen. Dennis M. Kenneally, Commanding General, California Army National Guard and CW5 Harry E. Perry, California Army National Guard, for his "outstanding performance and selfless service" in support of operations Noble Eagle, Noble Eagle II and Enduring Freedom.

President Emeritus **Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.** retired from office as national President of the Aztec Club of 1847 after serving 9 years. At the annual meeting of the society, which ranks second among all the societies, he was elected President Emeritus, the first time that honor had been bestowed in the Aztec Club's 157 year history. **Raymond L. Drake**, also a member of the California SR, succeeded him as President and **William W. Huss, Jr.** was elected Vice President. The Aztec Club's web site is at: <http://www.aztecclub.com>.



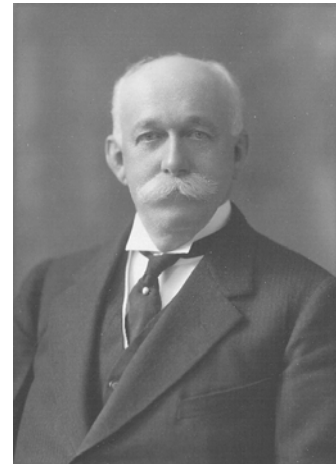
Congratulations are extended to Board Member **Douglas R. Boyd, Sr., Esq.** upon his re-election as Treasurer of the California Republican Party. A Vietnam veteran, Mr. Boyd is an attorney specializing in state and local tax law and governmental law. He has been a member of the Society's Board since 2002.

## Society of the War of 1812

In January, 2004, **Mark J. Denger** retired from office as Vice President General, General Society War of 1812. **Brett A. Landis**, SR Board member and former Secretary, assumed that office as he passed the Presidency of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of California to **Brett A. MacDonald**, SR Secretary, who was elected as its 11<sup>th</sup> State President. Also elected were **Merrick Browne** as Vice President, **Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.**, as Treasurer, **Hon. William W. Huss**, Judge Advocate, and **Arden H. Brame, Jr., II**, as Registrar and Genealogist. The Society of the War of 1812 welcomes membership inquiries.

## Historian's Report

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of California has had many distinguished gentlemen associated with it since its founding in 1893. One was Henry Edwards Huntington, capitalist, railroad builder, and art connoisseur.



*Henry Edwards Huntington  
1850-1927*

Henry Edwards Huntington was born on February 27, 1850 at Oneonta, New York, the descendant of early English settlers. In 1915, Huntington was elected to membership in the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California (SR #273) in right of his second great grandfather Lieutenant William Preston, who served in Captain Nathan Hines' 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Connecticut Militia in 1776, and was killed during the American Revolution on September 5, 1776.

Huntington, with the help from fellow SR member George Smith Patton, II (SR #39), built an immense estate in San Marino, California, including a library and art gallery to which he later devoted much of his time. Upon his death in 1927, this collection, together with the surrounding estate of more than 200 acres were placed in the hands of five trustees, then valued at \$30,000,000, with an additional gift of \$8,000,000 to endow its operation.

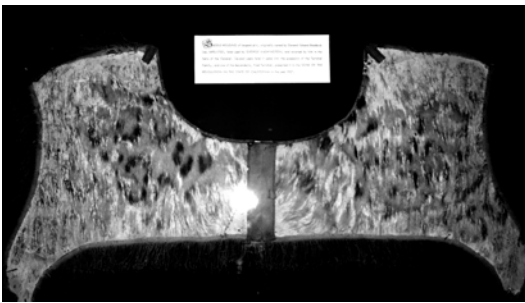
Today, the Huntington Library possesses probably the finest collection of English literature and early Americana to be found in any private collection, including works on the American Revolution.

# Sons of the Revolution Library

## *"Repository of the Southwest"*

The year 2004 marks the 111<sup>th</sup> year in which the Sons of the Revolution Library has been the "Repository of the Southwest" for the collection and preservation of "books, records, manuscripts and documents" pertaining to the American Revolution. But the Sons of the Revolution Library is much more than just another library. While some are of the mistaken belief that it is merely a genealogical library, to the history lover it is much more than that. It is the repository for the collection of books, rolls, records, manuscripts and other documents pertaining to early American history. It also serves as a place for the accumulation of historical artifacts.

Within the Library can be found many artifacts linked to our nation's first president. In many ways, the Library reflects the many facets of George Washington's life. George Washington's Coat of Arms is proudly displayed over the mantle of the Library's fireplace — the centerpiece to the Washington Parlor. The Sons of the Revolution Library has the complete works and writings of George Washington. This collection has been preserved for all Americans, today and in the future, who will want to learn from what the life of Washington can teach.



Also found in the Library's Washington Parlor is the leopard skin saddle pad once belonging to George Washington. This unique saddle pad was originally owned by General Edward Braddock, a hero of the French and Indian Wars. The saddle pad was later given to Washington by Braddock's heirs in recognition of Washington's heroism during the battle which took Gen. Braddock's life. As the newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Army, Washington took command of the Continental Army on July 3, 1775 at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Another of the many artifacts in the Library is a small piece of the very elm tree under which General George Washington took command.

Equally impressive is the celebrated Washington period silk flag carried in the Trade Procession of Boston on October 24, 1789, as part of a celebration honoring the visit of the President. George Washington passed through the open ranks of participants of the procession on his white horse before reviewing the procession from a balcony outside the central west window of the Boston State House specially constructed for the occasion. The procession was composed of representatives from forty-six different trade organizations, then called guilds, each carrying a flag specially made for the event. Only four of these flags, including this one, were known to be extant in 1922 when it was presented to the Sons of the Revolution by Captain Josiah A. Osgood, a long time member. It had been previously on display in the Boston State House for many years. The flag, symbolic of the Plumber's and Glazier's Guild, was carried in the procession by Freeman Pulsifer, great-grandfather of Capt. Osgood.



*The Washington Parlour*

Among the other historical items on display include the Library's rotating exhibit of Colonial and Revolutionary War flags. Works of art include the portrait of one of early California's most famous architects, Arthur Burnett Benton; the portrait of the pioneer California banker, Mervin Jeremiah Monnette; and a life-sized portrait of Society member George Washington Peachy, a "real" son of a Revolutionary soldier. (Continued pg. 7)



*Original Plaster Panel from which bronze tablet molds were made*

**SONS OF THE REVOLUTION LIBRARY - continued**

The centerpiece of the Library remains an original oil painting of California's first United States Senator, John Charles Fremont, done from life in 1856 by T. Buchanan Read. This painting, gifted to the Society by member Hugh Evans, was formerly the possession of Gen. Fremont and hung in his Manhattan home.



The Library presents a rotating series of exhibits sharing with visitors interesting artifacts and memorabilia of the past. Currently on exhibit is material once belonging to Admiral Francis Stuart Low. A famous World War II submariner and Commander of the Tenth Fleet (a fleet with no ships), while serving under Fleet Admiral Ernest King, he was the architect of the Doolittle Raid. This exhibit, on loan to the Library from the California State Military Museum, complements the Society's two period portraits of Admiral Low's ancestors: General Joseph Low and his wife Grace Abbott Low, painted in 1821 by the itinerant portrait painter William P. Codman. General Joseph Low, whose father served in the Revolutionary



War, was a soldier in the War of 1812 — America's second war for independence.

For those who love Civil War history, the Library proudly displays a pair of leather fire buckets from Admiral David G. Farragut's flagship, the *Hartford*.

While the Sons of the Revolution Library is open to the public for genealogical research, as can be seen the Library is much more than that. It is also a mini-museum. The Library is a collection of historical works and artifacts dealing not only with the early colonial and the Revolutionary war period of our history – but military and California history as well. These artifacts complement the Library's collection of books and manuscripts.

While an aggressive acquisitions program continually adds new titles to the shelves each year, special gifts and bequests to the Sons of the Revolution ensure the kind of growth and stability necessary for the Society to continue to maintain the Sons of the Revolution Library as the "Repository of the Southwest".

The Library has something for almost everyone.

**Sons of the Revolution  
in the State of California  
and the  
Sons of the Revolution Library**

**Days We Commemorate**

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| <b>Battle of Princeton</b>               | <b>January 3</b>    |
| <b>Abraham Lincoln's Birthday</b>        | <b>February 12</b>  |
| <b>President's Day</b>                   | <b>February 16</b>  |
| <b>George Washington's Birthday</b>      | <b>February 22</b>  |
| <b>Patriot's Day</b>                     | <b>April 19</b>     |
| <b>SR Birthday</b>                       | <b>May 8-15</b>     |
| <b>Armed Forces Day</b>                  | <b>May 18</b>       |
| <b>Memorial Day</b>                      | <b>May 27</b>       |
| <b>Birthday of the U.S. Army</b>         | <b>June 14</b>      |
| <b>Flag Day</b>                          | <b>June 14</b>      |
| <b>Battle of Bunker Hill</b>             | <b>June 17</b>      |
| <b>Independence Day</b>                  | <b>July 4</b>       |
| <b>Lafayette's Birthday</b>              | <b>September 6</b>  |
| <b>Constitution Day</b>                  | <b>September 17</b> |
| <b>Birthday of the U.S. Air Force</b>    | <b>September 18</b> |
| <b>Birthday of the U.S. Navy</b>         | <b>October 13</b>   |
| <b>Battle of Saratoga</b>                | <b>October 17</b>   |
| <b>Battle of Yorktown</b>                | <b>October 19</b>   |
| <b>Birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps</b> | <b>November 10</b>  |
| <b>Veterans Day</b>                      | <b>November 11</b>  |
| <b>Battle of Trenton</b>                 | <b>December 26</b>  |

# Annual Membership Luncheon

The Society's 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held on January 24, 2004 at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena, California. The meeting was opened with a moving recital of the Gettysburg Address by member Harold Hattier, Jr. Those assembled received and approved the report of Treasurer Merrick Browne, and other officers. Officers and directors elected:

## Officers

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| President             | Charles B. Witt, Jr. MD |
| Senior Vice President | James D. Boyle, MD      |
| Vice President        | Merrick Browne          |
| Vice President        | G. Richard Stanford     |
| Secretary             | Brett A. MacDonald      |
| Treasurer             | Merrick Browne          |

## Board of Directors

|                           |
|---------------------------|
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| Merrick Browne            |
| Brett A. MacDonald        |
| G. Richard Stanford       |
| Charles B. Witt, Jr. MD   |

The fine efforts by several members on behalf of the Society were recognized, highlighted by the presentation of five Distinguished Service Awards ("DSA"). Arden H. Brame, Jr. II was presented the DSA for his many years of exceptional work as the Society's Genealogist. Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr., Joseph Choate, Jr., William W. Huss, Jr. and H. Newell Williams were each presented the DSA for exceptional service on the Society's Legal Committee. The Society settled for less than it offered before an unfortunate law suit was filed and Mr. Breithaupt was granted summary judgement and awarded substantial costs. Receiving the Meritorious Service Award were: James D. Boyle, Merrick Browne, G. Richard Stanford, Douglas R. Boyd, Brett A. MacDonald, John E. Rogers, Mark J. Denger, and John M. Bennett. Below are photographs from the occasion.



*Harold Hattier, Jr.*



*G. Richard Stanford*



*Merrick Browne*



*Arden H. Brame, Jr. II*



*James D. Boyle*



*John E. Rogers*