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Society Represented at Lincoln Memorial

On February 12, 1996, Society President Richard Breithaupt, Jr., First Vice President William W. Huss, Jr., and The Hon. Raymond L. Drake were in Washington, D. C. representing the Aztec Club of 1847 at the Lincoln Memorial during the ceremony commemorating the 187th anniversary of the birth of the sixteenth President of the United States. The traditional wreath laying commenced at 11:45 a.m. with prelude music by the U. S. Army Band. Following the presentation of colors and invocation, wreaths were placed for the President of the United States, the Diplomatic Corps and various hereditary and patriotic societies.



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The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, traditional organizer of the celebration, presented its Literary Awards. The previous Saturday evening, February 10, a black tie reception and dinner was held at the Officer's Club at Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia. The featured speaker was an interpretive historian for Ford's Theater, site of Lincoln's assassination. Mr. Breithaupt serves as national President of the Aztec Club of 1847 while Messrs. Huss and Drake and members of the Club's Executive Committee. The Aztec Club of 1847 is composed of members descended from those American officers serving in the Mexican War (1846-1848).

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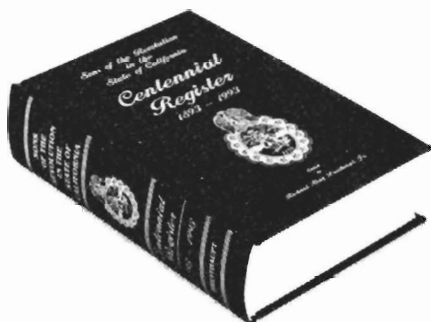
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- Fowler, Alexander D., Editor, History of Morris County, New Jersey, Morris Co. Historical Society, Vernon, NJ, 1967 reprint of scarce 1882 work.
- Gruber, Ira D., The Howe Brothers & the American Revolution, Univ. Of No. Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, 1972. Donated by **The Hon. Alexander R. Early, III**.
- Hartzler, Daniel D., Marylanders in the Confederacy, Family Line Publications, 1994.
- Johnson, Herbert T., Editor, State of Vermont Roster of Soldiers in the War of 1812-14, Clearfield Co., 1995 reprint of 1933 work.
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- Jourdan, Elise G., Early Families of Southern Maryland, 4 volume set, Family Line Publications, 1993-1995.
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His Own Grandfather

"Wm. Harmen, a resident of Titusville, Pa., is reported to have committed suicide a few days ago as the result of a melancholy conviction that he was his own grandfather. He left the following singular letter: I married a widow who had a grown-up daughter. My father visited our house very often, fell in love with my step-daughter and married her. So my father became my son-in-law, and my step-daughter my mother, because she was my father's wife. Sometime afterward my wife had a son. He was my father's brother-in-law and my uncle for he was the brother of my step-mother. My father's wife, i.e., my step-daughter, had a son. He was, of course, my brother and in the meantime my grandchild for he was the son of my daughter. My wife was my grandmother, because she was my mother's mother. I was my wife's husband and grandchild at the same time and as the husband of a person's grandmother is his grandfather, I am my own grandfather."

As found published within The Republican, Danville, Hendricks Co., Indiana, Thursday, May 18, 1893, p. 4.

CENTENNIAL REGISTER



Entering its second century, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California published its Centennial Register containing a listing of all members admitted during its first 100 years. This 1,300-page, hardbound work also includes the detailed Revolutionary War service records for each of the 4,000+ qualifying ancestors and supplementals submitted to the Society. To order, send your check in the amount of \$53.01 (includes sales tax and shipping) to: Centennial Register, P. O. Box 8454, Universal City, CA 91618-8454.

General Society Offers Membership Diploma

The General Society has available for purchase a handsome membership certificate suitable for framing, measuring approximately 16" x 24". Individually engrossed with the member's name, ancestor's name and Revolutionary War service, the certificate is printed on high quality stock and includes fine decorative artwork along with the seals of the original thirteen colonies. Each certificate bears the personal signatures of the General President, General Secretary, State President and others.

The procedure for ordering a certificate is to request from Mr. Charles B. Miller, Society Secretary, an Order Form. The completed form is returned to him along with a check payable to the General Society in the amount of \$50.00. Due to the fact that each certificate is hand prepared and bears signatures of the key officers, members should expect some lag time between the time of order and delivery.

1996 Calendar

January 13, 1996

Annual Meeting

February 18, 1996

Washington Commemorative Service
1st United Methodist Church
Canoga Park

April 27, 1996

Patriot's Day Luncheon

July 6, 1996

Independence Day Luncheon

October 5, 1996

Saratoga/Yorktown/Constitution
Luncheon

January 11, 1997

Annual Meeting

Unless noted, luncheons and meetings are held at NOON at Bullock's Department Store Restaurant, 401 South Lake Street, Pasadena, California. Friends and family are welcome.

Board Meetings

January 6, 1996

April 13, 1996

June 8, 1996

September 21, 1996

January 4, 1997

Board Meetings convene at 10:00 a.m. at the Society Headquarters, at:

Sons of the Revolution Library
600 South Central Avenue
Glendale, California

Washington Commemorative Events a Success

The Society's 73rd Annual George Washington Commemoration Service was held on Sunday, February 18, 1996 at the First United Methodist Church of Canoga Park with The Rev. Dr. Gary Alan Dickey officiating at the standing room only affair. Later that day, the Commemorative Massing of the Colors, sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was staged at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Colour guards including those of our Society, the Society of the Cincinnati and Society of Colonial Wars, along with numerous JROTC and other units were present.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations are extended to **Timothy W. Rodman** who was recently admitted to The Flagon and Trencher (Society of Descendants of Colonial Tavern Keepers) and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Also, fellow member, **Maner L. Thorpe, Ph.D.**, continues as Commander for the California Commandery of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Maner, a direct descendant of Patrick Henry, also sits on our Society's board of directors. Long-time member **Dr. Lawrence Kent**, who now resides in Florida, has affiliated with the First Families of Tennessee. Dr. Kent is also a member or officer with several other lineage societies, including the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U. S. We also wish to acknowledge and extend a warm "thank you" to **The Rev. Gary Alan Dickey** who again hosted our Washington Birthday Service this past February 18th at the First United Methodist Church of Canoga Park. Gary, an active member of the Society, is very well known for his thoughtfulness and warm sense of humor. There was a large turn-out for the service and his remarks on George Washington were well received. For his membership recruiting success, **2nd Vice President & Treasurer James W. Browning** was presented with the President's Commendation Award by **President Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.**, at our recently held January luncheon. Also honored with the Meritorious Service Award were **Registrar and Archivist Mark James Denger** and **John Rodman Justice**.



Members who have filed one or more approved supplemental applications for direct ancestors (in addition to their original application) are entitled to wear one or two silver stars on the insignia ribbon in accordance with the By-Laws of the General Society. One star may be worn signifying an approved supplemental. A second star may be added when a member has filed five or more approved supplemental applications.

Members who wish to apply for stars must complete the appropriate form, obtained from the Secretary, and returned to him with payment. The cost is \$2.00 per star.

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- Revere, Joseph Warren, Naval Duty in California, Biobooks, Oakland, Calif., 1947. This is a fine reprint of the scarce and valuable work by Lt. Revere who served as an officer aboard the Sloop of War Portsmouth during the War with Mexico. He was also a grandson of Paul Revere, the Revolutionary War patriot.
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GENERAL PRESIDENT OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS

General President James Thorington, II recently wrote a congratulatory letter to the Society in recognition of its stellar year in 1995. He noted that the Society garnered the largest membership increase, both in number and percentage, in the entire General Society. He also wrote: "I have fond memories of our General Society meeting in Pasadena. . . The renovation of your Headquarters and Library building will cause me to allow more time when I next visit."

SOCIETY ENTERS CYBERSPACE !!

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of California is now in cyberspace! What would our ancestors think of this? Could we even explain it to them?

Through the efforts and sponsorship of President Breithaupt, the Society has a Web Site containing information and graphic images about the Society and its library. With the click of a mouse button visitors can access an E-Mail form to request more information, or to be contacted about membership, the Library or making charitable contributions. A separate link provides information about the Society's *Centennial Register*. Links are also provided to the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Cincinnati and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. The URL:

<http://www.concentric.net/~walika/sr.htm>