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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 103rd

Congratulatory letters, proclamations and speeches commemorated the Society's 103rd Anniversary in May, 1996. The Society received a Proclamation from Gov. Pete Wilson extending warmest regards stating in part: "This is indeed an auspicious event, and your membership, both past and present, should take great pride in the many contributions they have made to their community and nation over the years." The Hon. Carlos J. Moorhead (R-Glendale) spoke before Congress on May 9, 1996 in recognition of the Society's founding, detailing its history and praising its patriotic, historical and educational activities. The Society was recognized with a Proclamation of Congress inscribed: "In Recognition of Excellence, Achievement and Commitment". Among Congressman Moorhead remarks: "To a considerable extent, Mr. Speaker, this inspiration and education has been accomplished through the Sons of the Revolution Library, which has operated in my hometown of Glendale for the past 103 years." He continued: "I am pleased and honored to recognize and pay tribute to the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California on their 103rd birthday." [Full remarks are printed in the Congressional Record, May 9, 1996, pg E739, cols. 1-2.] The Society also received a hand-painted Commendation from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and special recognition from the Mayor of Glendale.



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Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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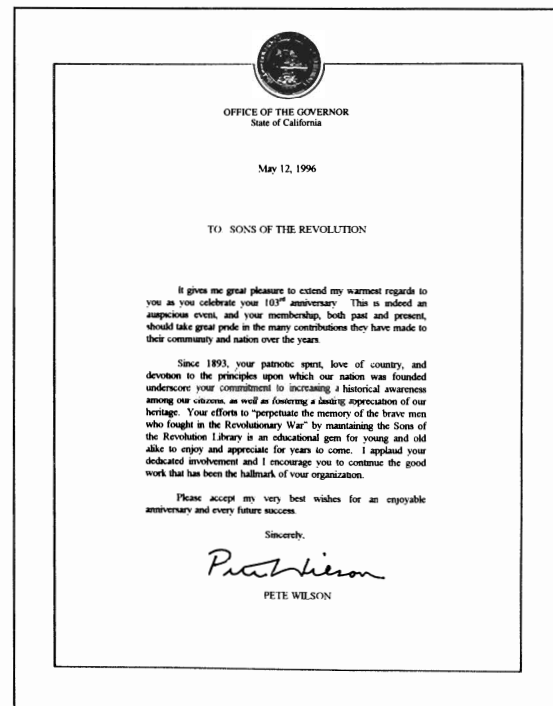
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IN HONOR OF ITS 103RD BIRTHDAY

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Lee E. Bishop, Jr., 1991
Stephen R. Eakin, 1989-90
Robert B. Ferguson, 1988
John R. Justice, 1987

SOME ACQUISITIONS AT OUR LIBRARY SINCE OUR LAST EDITION

- Arnold, Jr., H. Ross, & H. Clifton Burnham. Georgia Revolutionary War Soldiers' Graves. Two vols. Athens, Georgia: The Iberian Publishing Co., 1993.
- Austin, Jeannette H., The Georgians, Genealogies of Pioneer Settlers. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1986.
- Baldwin, Jane. The Maryland Calendar of Wills. Vols. 1 to 8 (1635 to 1743). Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1988 reprint of 1904 set. Note: Vols. 9 to 17 (1744 to 1777) as prepared by F. Edward Wright have also been acquired.
- Bockstruck, Lloyd D. Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996.
- Chamberlain, Mildred M. The Rhode Island 1777 Military Census. Baltimore: Genealogical Publ. Co., 1985.
- Chapin, Howard M. Rhode Island in the Colonial Wars. Baltimore: Genealogical Publ. Co., 1994 reprint of 1918 work.
- Coldham, Peter W. Settlers of Maryland 1751-1765. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996. Note: We also have Mr. Coldham's three earlier reference works.
- Dodd, Rosemary B., and Patricia M. Bausell. Abstracts of Land Records, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. 3 vols. (covering 1662 to 1719). Pasadena, Maryland: The Anne Arundel Genealogical Society, n.d.
- Finnell, Arthur L. National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. Lineage Book IV. Bloomington, Minnesota: National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, 1993. Donated by **Lee E. Bishop, Jr.**, Governor, So. Calif. Branch of that society, on behalf of the NSSDP. Note: Mr. Bishop also donated Lineage Book V of this series as published in 1995.
- Greene, John R. The Presidency of Gerald R. Ford. Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, 1995. Note: The subject of this history, The Hon. Gerald R. Ford, is a member of our Society.
- Johnston, Ross B. West Virginians in the American Revolution. Baltimore: Clearfield Co., 1995 reprint of work originally published in 1939 and 1947.
- Muster and Pay Rolls of the War of the Revolution 1775-1783. Baltimore: Genealogical Publ. Co., 1996 reprint of work originally published in 1914 and 1915.
- Nottingham, Stratton. Soldiers and Sailors of the Eastern Shore of Virginia in the Revolutionary War. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publ., 1995. Note: This reprint was edited by F. Edward Wright with revisions.
- Raczynski, Walter J. The Battered Remnants of the Blue Fleet. History of the Heavy Cruiser USS Canberra. 2nd Edition. Northboro, Massachusetts: Worcester Printing Co., 1992. Donated by **The Hon. Alexander R. Early, III**. Note: Judge Early's father, Captain (later Rear Admiral) Alexander R. Early, Jr., USN, was the Commanding Officer of the USS Canberra when it was torpedoed by the Japanese in October of 1944. Although the enemy threw everything it had at the crippled ship as it was being towed back to the U.S. base at Ulithi 1,300 miles away, Admiral Halsey sent a message to all Commanders of Task Group 38, "For skill and guts, the safe retirement of the damaged Canberra...from the shadow of Formosa, under heavy attack, will become a Navy tradition. To all hands who contributed to the job, well done." Captain Early received the Navy Cross.
- Vogt, John, and T. William Kethley, Jr. Stafford County, Virginia Tithables, Quit Rents, Personal Property Taxes and Related Lists and Petitions, 1723-1790. 2 vols. Athens, Ga.: Iberian Publishing Co., 1990.
- Weis, The Rev. Frederick L. The Magna Charta Sureties, 1215. 4th Edition with corrections by Walter L. Sheppard, Jr., and Davis Faris. Baltimore: Genealogical Publ. Co., 1991.

**Associate yourself with men of good quality
if you esteem your own reputation;
for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company.**

- George Washington

Tracing Roots Has Its Share of Laughs

Glade I. Nelson, a former president of the Association of Professional Genealogists, once reported receiving these:

- ◆ "Would it be possible to send copies of my ancestors?"
- ◆ "Another: "I've looked for grandpa for over 20 years. Do you have him in your library?"
- ◆ And: "Please help me. I have tried unsuccessfully to trace my backward family."
- ◆ Also: "We're having a hard time finding the records that haven't been kept."
- ◆ From one: "I am mailing you my aunt and uncle and three of their children."
- ◆ From another: "We are sending you the five children in a separate envelope."
- ◆ The following letter must have been sent to a census taker: "I am very much annoyed to find you have branded my son illiterate...this is a dirty lie as I was married a week before he was born."
- ◆ Mr. Nelson said he knows of one case where a researcher was offered \$1000 to trace a man's roots and then, later, \$2000 to keep the findings to himself."
- ◆ Mr. Nelson also revealed what he called Murphy's Law of Genealogy. He cited examples of some roadblocks to be found: "Yours is the only name not found among the 88 million names in the International Genealogical Index..." and "the critical link of your family tree is named...Smith."



1996 CALENDAR

July 6, 1996

Independence Day Luncheon

October 5, 1996

Saratoga/Yorktown/Constitution
Luncheon

January 11, 1997

Annual Membership Luncheon

Unless noted, luncheon gatherings are held at Macy's (formerly Bullock's) Department Store Restaurant, 401 South Lake Street, Pasadena, California. Friends and family are cordially invited too.

Board Meetings

September 21, 1996

January 4, 1997

Board Meetings convene at 10:00 a.m. in the Directors Room on the second floor at our State Society's headquarters, at:

Sons of the Revolution Library

600 South Central Avenue
Glendale, California 91204

New Members Elected

<u>Admitted</u>	<u>State No.</u>	<u>Name</u>
06 Jan 1996	3246-A	David L. Van Wormer
06 Jan 1996	3247-A	Robert L. Murrh, Sr.
13 Apr 1996	3248-A	Alan D. Wilkins
13 Apr 1996	3249-A	LTC Maurice L. Brundige, USAR (Ret.)
13 Apr 1996	3250-A	Thomas C. Keedy, Jr., Ph.D.
13 Apr 1996	3251-L	John D. Early, V
13 Apr 1996	3252-A	Robert J. Tinnell
13 Apr 1996	3253-JL	Aaron B. Todd
13 Apr 1996	3254-L	Russell J. Robertson
13 Apr 1996	3255-A	John W. Haddock
13 Apr 1996	3256-A	Richard B. Denger
13 Apr 1996	3257-A	David M. Denger
13 Apr 1996	3258-A	Patrick M. Flanagan
13 Apr 1996	3259-JA	Steven M. Denger
08 Jun 1996	3260-A	Col. Philip S. Inglee, USMCR (Ret.)
08 Jun 1996	3261-A	Maj. William P. Blair, USAF (Ret.)
08 Jun 1996	3262-L	Walter L. Davis
08 Jun 1996	3263-A	Paul A. de Chutkowski
08 Jun 1996	3264-L	COL David A. Gustafson, CANG (Ret.)
08 Jun 1996	3265-A	Charles D. Alvaré
08 Jun 1996	3266-JA	Richard L. Kuithe

Members in the News

Congratulations are extended to **Captain William W. Huss, Jr., USNR (Ret.)**, the Society's First Vice President, who was recently admitted to the Military Order of the Carabao. After a distinguished career on the bench, Bill recently retired as a Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles to assume duties as head of a private judging firm. As an aside, he presently commands the California Naval Militia Research and Study Element for the California State Military Reserve. Compliments also go to Society President **Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.**, who was recently admitted to the Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York. Rick is also the national President of The Aztec Club of 1847 and was back in Savannah, Georgia, over the Memorial Day week-end to preside over a meeting of that distinguished society. Warm greetings are offered to Society member **James Stewart**, the noted film actor, who recently celebrated a birthday on May 20th. Those reading the April 18th issue of the *Glendale News-Press* saw the picture of fellow Society member **Robbie C. Story** in a front page photo/news article on the Sons of the Revolution Library. He is the recent recipient of the DAR's Certificate of Appreciation as presented by Mrs. Ronald J. Michalowicz, the Long Beach District Director of the California DAR, on behalf of the Eliza Donner Houghton Society of the C.A.R. in grateful recognition of volunteer work done. For those of you asking, *The Mayflower Quarterly* (Feb 1996) article "Townsend and Anne (Underhill) Dickinson of Cedar Swamp, Oyster Bay, Long Island," was indeed co-authored by our Society's Library Director **Edwin W. Coles**. Ed is a nationally recognized scholar on Mayflower lineages. A Stanford graduate with a Harvard M.B.A., Ed has previously served as Treasurer of the Society and was given the unusual honor of the title of Treasurer Emeritus for life for his very distinguished service in that capacity. President Emeritus **Ronald D. Risley** was recently inducted into the Plantagenet Society. Ron is also active with the SAR and will soon assume the office of Vice President General (for the Western District) of that organization. Society Registrar and Library Archivist **Mark J. Denger** continues to coordinate the on-going renovation work at the Sons of the Revolution Library. A VFW member, Mark was recently named the regional representative for California for The Army & Navy Union, U.S.A. The Society offers a warm "thank-you" to **The Hon. Alexander R. Early, III**, our Society's Third Vice President, for his substantial book donations to the library collection. Alex is not only a former Assistant U. S. Attorney and Superior Court Judge but also holds the rank of Knight Grand Cross within The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Alex's lovely wife, Celeste, has been similarly honored and holds the rank of Dame Grand Cross within that venerable chivalric order founded in the year 1099.

TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON

Every year on the anniversary of George Washington's birthday, U. S. Naval stations and naval vessels throughout the world fire a 21-gun salute honoring the Father of our Country, as has been the custom since 1818.

Another, even older Navy custom of honoring President Washington is the impressive ceremony that occurs whenever a Navy or Coast Guard vessel passes Washington's home "Mount Vernon" on the Potomac River in Virginia.

As a ship nears the tomb of General Washington adjacent to the mansion, the crew forms on deck and attention is sounded. When opposite the tomb, "hand salute" is signaled. The ship's bell is struck eight times at five-second intervals, and the national ensign is lowered to half mast. If a band is embarked, the national anthem is played. At the end of the tolling, the ensign is raised to the peak; two blasts of the whistle signal "end of salute" and three "carry on."

The earliest known account of this ceremony is recorded in the autobiography of Commodore Charles Morris who, in May 1801, was on board the USS Congress as a midshipman, when she passed up the Potomac River to the new Navy Yard in Washington. He recalled:

"About 10 o'clock in the morning of a beautifully serene day, we passed Mount Vernon. Every one was on deck to look upon the dwelling where Washington had made his home. Mrs. Washington and others of the family could be distinguished in the portico which fronts the river. When opposite the house, by order of Captain Sever, the sails were lowered, the colors displayed half-masted, and a mourning salute of thirteen guns was fired as a mark of respect to the memory of Washington, whose life had so recently closed, and whose tomb was in our view. The general silence on board the ship and around us, except when broken by the cannon's sound, the echo and re-echo of that sound from the near and distant hills, as it died away in the distance, the whole ship's company uncovered and motionless, and the associations connected with the ceremony, seemed to make a deep impression upon all, as they did certainly upon me. When the salute was finished the sails were again set, the colors hoisted, and we proceeded up the river."

Recent observance of these honors vary according to the size and complement of a ship but the tolling of the bell and the lowering of the flag is consistent.

The naval honors were merely a custom in 1906 when President Theodore Roosevelt witnessed the impressive ceremony on board the Presidential yacht *Mayflower*. On learning that the honors were not official, he promptly made them so. General Order No. 22, dated 2 June 1906, designated the ceremony to be observed by all vessels of the United States Navy passing Mount Vernon between sunrise and sunset. The playing of the National Anthem was added to the ceremony in 1913.

Note: The above article on Washington was excerpted from "The Bell Tolls for Him" by Captain William H. Gridley, USNR (Ret.), as published within the February 1975 issue of the *U. S. Naval Institute Proceedings*.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY VISITS LOS ANGELES

Society Members Greet the Leader of the Episcopal Church

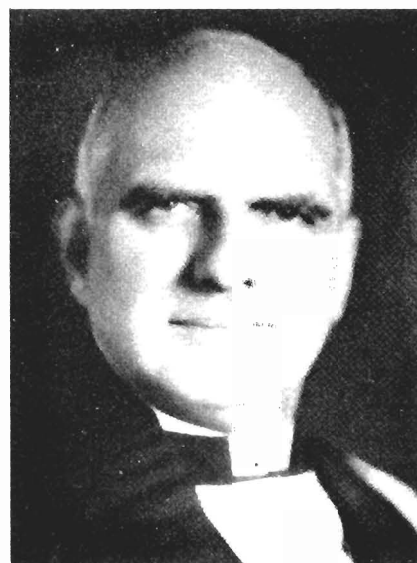
The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. George Carey, D. D., Archbishop of Canterbury, visited Los Angeles in commemoration of the Centennial of the founding of the Los Angeles Diocese of the Episcopal Church over the weekend of May 24-26, 1996. Prior to a service celebrating Pentecost on May 26 the church leader was the guest of honor at the Cathedral Center of St. Paul where a dinner was held. The Archbishop also spoke before the World Affairs Council. Among those present to greet the Anglican prelate was a contingent of Society members lead by First Vice President William W. Huss, Jr. and his lovely wife, Marlene. Among the topics discussed with The Rt. Rev. Carey was the close connection between the Los Angeles Diocese, its founding, and that of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California.



*THE RT. REV. JOSEPH HORSFALL JOHNSON, D. D.
1847-1928*

The Rt. Rev. William Bertrand Stevens, D. D. succeeded Society member, The Rt. Rev. Joseph Horsfall Johnson, as Bishop of Los Angeles in 1928. Born November 19, 1884 at Lewiston, ME, was a highly educated man. He received the following degrees: A. B. (1906), D. D. (1922) at Bates College; M. A. (1911) from Columbia University; Ph. D. (1916) at New York University; B. D. (1910) Episcopal Theological School; and a LL. D. (1921) USC. Bishop Stevens served as Chaplain of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California from 1927 until his death in 1947. He founded the Society's Annual Washington Commemorative Birthday Service which continues to this day. The Rt. Rev. Stevens served as General Chaplain of the General Society, Sons of the Revolution and Chaplain General of the Society of Colonial Wars, 1930-1939. A 33° Mason, Bishop Stevens was also a Captain in the California Naval Militia.

The Rt. Rev. Joseph Horsfall Johnson (1847-1928), consecrated as the first Episcopal Bishop of Los Angeles in 1896, was an active member of the Society. Born in Schenectady, New York on June 7, 1847, he was a descendant of Dr. Samuel Johnson, the first President of Columbia University. After serving in parishes in New York and Michigan he was consecrated as the first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles in 1896. When he arrived, Los Angeles had a population of 75,000. Bishop Johnson founded the Bishop's School in La Jolla, California in 1909 and was keenly interested in Pomona College where he was elected as Vice President of the College Board of Trustees in 1912. He also served as President, Harvard Military School, Los Angeles. The Hospital of the Good Samaritan, the Church Home for Children and the Neighborhood Settlement of Los Angeles were also under his direction. Those who knew and worked with him spoke of the "rare simplicity of his character, the humility of his spirit, the leniency of his judgments, the sunny optimism of his disposition that finds him at the end of the hardest day sometimes cast down but never destroyed, the warmth and naturalness of his friendship and, above all, the sincerity of his religious life."

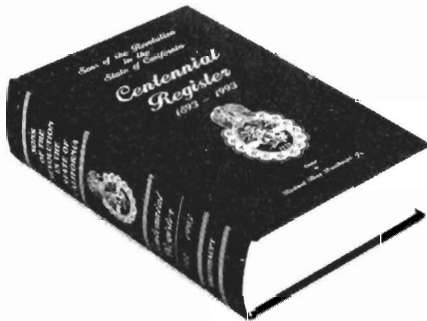


*THE RT. REV. WILLIAM BERTRAND STEVENS, D. D.
1884-1947*



THE MOST REV. & RT. HON. GEORGE CAREY, D. D.
GREETING THE HON. WILLIAM W. HUSS, JR. AND OTHERS.

CENTENNIAL REGISTER



To learn more about the history and prominent personalities of the California Society order your copy of the recently published **Centennial Register of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California**. It includes biographies of over fifty prominent members and all of the Society's Presidents. 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 and a listing of all members, and their ancestors, admitted during the Society's first one hundred years. 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.

Memorial Day in Glendale

Members of our Society, a good many of whom are veterans of the armed services, paused this past May 27th on Memorial Day to honor the memory of those fellow Americans who paid the ultimate price and died in battle to help preserve the freedom and liberty we enjoy today. In Glendale, home of our Society's State Headquarters and Library, we marked the occasion by hoisting and flying the official U. S. and Betsy Ross flags from the staffs on either side of the entrance to the Sons of the Revolution Library. Members of our Society who attended the special memorial service at Glendale City Hall and the Veterans Memorial included **The Rev. James W. Brougher, Jr.**, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Glendale; **Mark J. Denger**, who also serves as an officer in U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., having served aboard nuclear fast-attack submarines; and **John R. Justice**. Also attending were such other local notables as Nora Golsh, Past National President, American Gold Star Mothers, whose son was killed in Vietnam; and Rear Admiral R. H. Bass, USN (Ret.), a recipient of the Navy Cross (w/OLC) who commanded the submarine U.S.S. Plunger which successfully penetrated the Sea of Japan ("The Emperor's Bathtub") in July of 1943. The flag folding ceremony at this special service, conducted by the Crescenta Valley High School Junior AFROTC Color Guard, and the rendition of "Amazing Grace", as performed by the Glendale Pipe Band, were especially moving.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

In a 1942 issue of The Bulletin, the Society's newsletter at the time, it was reported that fellow Society member Ralph William Stewart, Jr., was listed officially by Washington as missing since the Battle of Midway. "Bill", as he was called, made the supreme sacrifice gallantly - unafraid. He had enlisted in the Navy and was serving as Pharmacist's 2nd Mate of the U. S. S. Yorktown. In a letter sent home just before he was killed, Bill wrote that he had asked to be assigned to the firing room when in action that he might be of greater assistance to the wounded. The sick bay, however, was shelled, according to reports, and he may have been stationed there.

Earlier, when stationed in Hawaii in February 1942, Bill wrote home asking that his papers be prepared for membership in the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California so that he might prove that an ancestor rendered service in establishing this nation. Papers were prepared for Bill and endorsed by his father, Ralph W. Stewart, Sr, who joined the Society in 1921, and by his grandfather, Willis M. Dixon, who joined in 1904 and served as the Society's President in 1920. Bill's papers were approved and his name was placed on the membership roster.

In announcing the passing of young Stewart, his mother said bravely: "Bill had a man's work to do and his work is done. I am only one of many thousands of mothers who must meet this sorrow."

Gone, yes. But his example and selfless bravery live on and will never be forgotten.