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The Official Pledge to the S.A.R.

We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifice, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

Bethabara Chapter November 14, 2019 Pre-Meeting Social



Bethabara Chapter Meeting

(Meeting minutes submitted by Recording Secretary Andy Kelly)



Chapter Vice-President Bill Ewalt called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM



In attendance at the meeting were 15 Compatriots and 2 guests. Vice President Bill Ewalt reported and acted upon the following:

- The second dues notice has been sent but dues are slow coming in.
- New member books were circulated and given to new members.
- The Battle of Shallowford commemoration was well attended. Certificates and Betsy Ross flags were presented to Battle Branch Café and Huntsville Historical Society.
- Fred Learned met Senator Richard Burr at a Veterans Day event and reported Senator Burr will be joining SAR.
- Bill Ewalt joined a Civil War society and will be sharing their events with Bethabara SAR members.

Committee Reports:

- Fred Learned reported that NCSSAR Convention planning continues.
- Orin Sadler reported the Constitution and By-Laws committee met and he presented their recommendations. Members suggested 10 officers was too many and that an officer could wear several hats. It was suggested duties or positions be described and officers elected to perform the duties. Fred defined Associate Members and that status will be reviewed by Orin for inclusion in the By-Laws. Orin will revise the proposed Constitution and By-Laws and send it to members. The new Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on at the January meeting.

New Members and Supplemental Patriots:

- New Members Dr. Donald Mann, Jr. and Lawrence Clark were sworn in and presented Certificates by Bill Ewalt.
- A Supplemental Patriot Certificate was presented to Orin Sadler and 3 Supplemental Patriot Certificates were presented to Allen Mollere.

Patriot Presentations:

- DR. Donald Mann, a retired minister, introduced himself and presented the story of his Patriot Jacob Mann, Jr.
- Lawrence Clark, an Army veteran, introduced himself and told the story of his Patriot Vachel Clark.
- Orin Sadler gave a reenactment of his supplemental Patriot Daniel Bowen.

Old Business:

- The Eagle Scout Scholarship Application for Emory Wilson has been completed and forwarded

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Recording Secretary,
Andy Kelly

Swearing In



New Compatriots Dr. Donald Mann, Jr. (center), and Lawrence Clark (right) are sworn in and formally inducted as SAR members by Chapter Vice-President Bill Ewalt.



Patriot Presentations



Patriot Jacob Mann, Jr.

By Dr. Donald Mann, Jr.

The great American philosopher, Yogi Berra once said; when you see a fork in the road - take it.

Well that's at the heart of my patriot story. The Mann story is a story of independent thinking and choices that we make, trusting God to guide us in our choices and whatever we face as a result.

That story started in America with my forefather, George Bernhart Mann came here from the Rhine valley near Meintz to Philadelphia to accept a land grant from William Penn. His sons, Jacob and Adam were born on the farmland near Lancaster. His son Jacob and brother Adam later moved south down the old wagon road to Northern Virginia in McGaheysville near Harrisonburg, settling on to a land grant from King George and to fortify colonial Virginia.

Jacob and his son, Jacob, Jr. then departed Virginia and took the western fork of the wagon road to the Greenbriar Valley near what is now Monroe, and helped to establish Cooks Fort during the French and Indian War and were involved in fierce battles during those days. Jacob and Adam were involved in fierce fighting during the French and Indian War and later were involved with the mining of sodium nitrate or saltpetre, in the caves along the New River.

The outposts that had been established by the British prior and during the French and Indian War later became Patriot settlements and Jacob Mann Jr is listed in the DAR Patriot Index as having established supplies to the Patriot forces in the colony. He was listed as a Private Scout and was on the payroll for Patriot service in 1782 at the Ohio Falls.

The reason I applied to SAR was my brother David. But the value I have discovered is my family heritage. My forefathers were not only patriots of our land but displayed great courage in leaving the things they knew to follow their convictions to the unknown.

From my German forefather George Bernhart Mann who left Germany to come to Pennsylvania, Jacob, who left Pennsylvania to come to Virginia, to Jacob, Jr. who left Virginia to come to Fort Cook, and even down to my own father who left in 1942 to come to North Carolina and serve as a drill instructor for the U S Army in WWII, they each had a choice to face, and moved forward in faith.

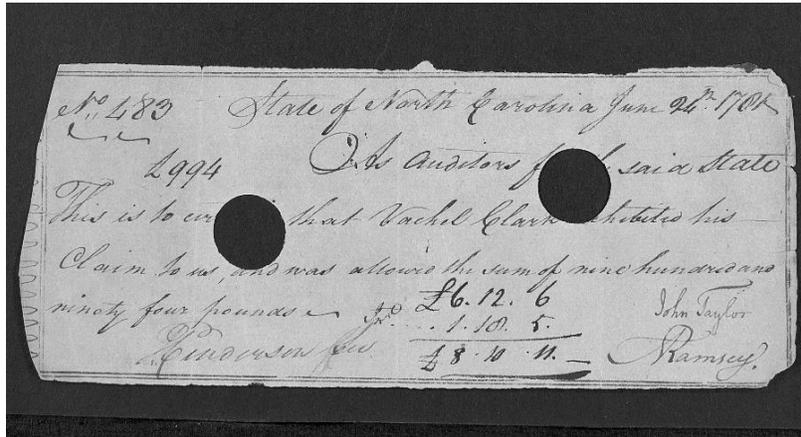
I need that courage as well to face choices each day. And, like Yogi Berra, the good sense to keep moving forward.



Lawrence Clark gave a presentation on his patriot Vachel Clark

Vachel Clark, my 4th Great-grandfather, was born abt. 1735. About 1764 Vachel married Olive, whose last name remains unknown. Vachel provided service to the army, in some unknown

capacity (maybe soldier, provider of goods to the war effort, etc.) to North Carolina in the Revolutionary war as evidenced by a pay voucher, #483, Roll # S.115.77, for services rendered.



Vachel Clark died abt. 1820 in Montgomery County, North Carolina. He was recognized by the DAR as patriot A132295.



Patriot Daniel Bowen

By Orin Sadler

Daniel lifted his long clay pipe to his lips and took a long breath. The hoar frost had settled on the window in the kitchen announcing the initiation of the long New England winter. His wife, Mehitable and daughter Dorothy were busy slicing apples and humming cheerfully. He reached over and stoked the fire and took another puff, letting off a smoke ring that reminded him of the report of a cannon. The increased warmth from the fire eased the deep cold from an afternoon of hard outdoor work and he allowed himself a contented sigh.

“Tell me another story of the War of Independence again, father.” Elisha his eldest had been sitting so quietly at his side he had all but forgotten him. Daniel frowned; he never much liked recounting those tales of by gone days. The listener had almost always formed their own opinion about “how things were back then,” and the true story almost always paled in the bright light of the popular version of events. These stories always brought a certain sadness to him as he thought about the hardships endured, the friends lost, and half-remembered long bouts of boredom punctuated by moments of mortal terror. These last memories he kept to himself lest his eldest son think less of him.

“What would you like me to tell you about Elisha?” he said after a long pause and fighting back his feelings of reluctance from showing.

“Didn’t you and Uncle Henry fight at Bunker Hill? Tell me that story, please father.” The light in Elisha’s eye betrayed a youthful exuberance and fascination that almost brought Daniel back to his son’s age.

“Well yes we were at Bunker Hill, but the real battle actually occurred at Breed’s Hill and at the fence line between the two. Your uncle and I never quite saw the whites of the redcoats’ eyes,” Daniel perceived the expected look of disappointment in the boy’s countenance and responded with, “but we were shelled at by His Majesty’s Ship *Glasgow*. If your Uncle Henry and I hadn’t been digging our earthworks with such diligence, we might not have lived to tell the story.”

The humming in the kitchen stopped for a moment. “Shouldn’t you be minding Old Bess?” said Mehitable. She realized the strain it put on Daniel to draw up his memories of those times.

“Mother, please, father was finally going to tell me about the great battle he fought near Philadelphia, there’s plenty of time to see to that old cow before supper.” Elisha wouldn’t be denied, he had been put off too many times before, “you know the battle of Wit – something.”

“Whitemarsh,” replied Daniel, “and am afraid it weren’t much of a battle, really just the Lord Howe’s army and General Washington’s army starring one another down for several days before going into winter quarters. Them in the warm town of our evacuated capitol Philadelphia and us to the cold, miserable stretch of land called Valley Forge.”

“Perhaps we should have some fire cakes for dinner, Mehitable, to honor the time at Valley Forge,” Daniel remarked. A brief giggle from the kitchen was his answer.

“What’s a fire cake, father?” Elisha’s curiosity was peaked.

“That’s all we had to eat most days, kinda of a thin paste of flour and water cooked over our campfire. Needless to say we all lost allot of weight, if weren’t for Baron von Steuben we would have spent all our time thinking about our bellies.”

“Father, I thought we fought against the Hessians?” Elisha gave him a questioning look.

“Baron von Steuban was a Prussian not a Hessian, he could curse in three languages though, and he often did as he led us in his manual of arms drill. We spent all of time chuckling at his strong German accent and about the only English he seemed to know was.....” Daniel stopped in mid-sentence as the mistress of the household gave him a strong maternal look.

“Mother says you fought at the Battle of Monmouth Courthouse,” Dorothy finally piped in, “our teacher told us General George Washington saved the day in that battle.” Daniel was glad to hear the words of his eldest daughter, finally he could relay a story he was proud of.

“So, after the long winter was over, we found out the British were going to retire across New Jersey back to New York,” started Daniel. “It was like a game of foxes and hens as we chased them across the state, Lord Howe and his army always staying a jump ahead of us despite a score miles line of slow-moving wagons in their van. We finally caught up with them at Monmouth, New Jersey.” A new-found vigor was propelling him forward in the storytelling.

“I had been reassigned to General Washington’s personal Lifeguards and we had crested a hill west of the town when I started seeing the men of my old unit, the 2nd Connecticut Regiment, streaming past us in awful hurry with General Cornwallis’ recoats in hot pursuit. Right then, General Washington rode past on his white stallion, yelling at everyone to rally and form a line. We formed up just as Baron von Steuben had shown us and when we saw the British crossing the ravine down below, we set off a deadly volley and then quickly another. I think they realized they had enough when Nathaniel Greene’s cannons sounded off from their left trapping them in plunging, enfilading fire. They turned around, marched back toward New York and never came our way for the rest of the war.” All was quite in the house as all three listeners had his full attention.

“I have one last thing to show you Elisha,” stepping up to grab the box off the mantle, “these are my discharge papers from two years later, see what signature is at the bottom.”

Elisha squinted in the candlelight and read the last line....”by order of his Excellency, General of the Army,George Washington.” His upturned eyes and the look on his face said volumes of acknowledgement.

More about Daniel Bowen

Born 21 Oct 1750, Woodstock, Conn; d. 13 Apr 1829, Reading, , Vermont; bur. Greenbrush Cemetery, Weathersfield, VT. Daniel married [Mehitable Packard](#) 21 Feb 1788, Brookfield, MA. Mehitable (daughter of [Eleazer Packard](#) and [Mercy Richards](#)) c. 30 Jul 1758, North Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts; d. 22 May 1838, Reading, Windsor County, VT; bur. Greenbrush Cemetery, Weathersfield, VT.

Children:

- i. [Elisha Bowen](#) b. 2 Jan 1791, Reading, Windsor County, VT; d. 6 Apr 1863, Rochester, New York; bur. Yates Center Cemetery, Yates, Orleans, NY.
- ii. [Dorothy Bowen](#) b. 30 Jul 1793, Reading, Windsor County, VT; d. 19 Sep 1866, Springfield, VT.
- iii. [Hervey Bowen](#) b. 2 Apr 1795, Reading, Windsor County, VT; d. 11 Apr 1795, prob Reading, Windsor County, VT.

- iv. [Silas Bowen](#) b. 8 Nov 1797, Reading, Windsor County, VT; d. 4 Mar 1884, Weathersfield, VT; bur. Greenbrush Cemetery, Weathersfield, VT.
- v. [Susanna Bowen](#) b. 1 Sep 1799, Reading, Windsor County, VT; d. 10 Mar 1879, Birmingham, MI.

From: Family of Griffith Bowen, Gentleman, Welsh Puritan Immigrant

The military record of Daniel, from the Connecticut Archives, was also copied for me by our Dr. Aurelius. "Danie Bowen enlisted April 1, 1777, in Capt. Mannings's Company of Second Regiment 'Connecticut Line.' Discharged, April 1780. The military record of Daniel, from the Connecticut . Regiment raised early in 1777 for the New Army or 'Connecticut Line' recruited at large throughout the State. Ordered to assemble at Danbury, in April, preparatory to taking the field, and soon after went into camp at Peekskill, served during the summer and fall of '77, along the Hudson, under Putnam, Ordered November 14th to join Washington's army in Pennsylvania, and on December 8th engaged in the sharp action of Whitemarsh where the Regiment lost a number of officers and men. killed and wounded. Wintered at Valley Forge '77-'78, and present, July 28th following, at battle of Monmouth. Assigned to 2nd Conn. Brig., Huntington's, at Camp White Plains: Wintered '78-'79 with the division at Redding. Served on east side of the Hudson in General Heath's wing during operations of '79. Wintered '79-'80 at Morristown, and served on the outposts"



Bill Ewalt presented Allen Mollere with certificates for his 8th, 9th, and 10th supplements, patriots Francois Daniel Madere, Pierre Sylvain Clouatre, and John Maurice Helfer.

Welcome new compatriot

Please reach out and welcome our newest SAR Member and Compatriot, Buddy Hayes.

Bylaw Cliff Notes

(submitted by Orin Sadler)

Realistically, very few people read the Bylaws of an organization. Considering that, the following are Cliff Notes for the Chapter Newsletter to illuminate some important portions of the Bylaws:

1. A lineal ancestor for SAR, besides the obvious, includes those who participated in overt resistance, but were not necessarily in the militia/military.
2. Membership requires Registrar & Presidential approval. No vote required.
3. Officers: nominated by the Board in March, presented in April and voted on in May.
4. Nominations from the floor can be made at the April meeting.
5. Officers serve for 2-year terms and elections are held in May (of odd years (ex. 2021)).
6. Suspension/Expulsion/Removal from Office – two-weeks' notice, requires 3/4th's vote of the Board, member can appear before Board, and have the right to appeal at the state level.
7. There are 12 members of the board (11 officers and the Past President).
8. Executive Board meets normally in August & March. Quorum – 4 board members. Meetings require two-week's notice. Meetings are called by the president or by four board members.
9. Quorum for a Chapter meeting: Five members (two of which are Board members).
10. Motions at meetings to expend substantial Chapter resources (\$300 or "substantial time-devoted" (ex. Hosting a National SAR convention)) will be tabled and voted on during the following meeting.
11. Dues are payable by October 15th to the current treasurer.
12. Member is delinquent if they don't pay by December 31st. Requires re-instatement.

Fred Learned

Fred Learned, Sr., North Carolina State SAR Society Vice President and Past-President, Bethabara Chapter, was very busy this month, as usual, participating in SAR activities.

Fred was in attendance as the DAR ladies hosted and attended a Veterans Day ceremony at the North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Memorial. As Senior State VP, Fred is given the honor of carrying the NC State flag.





SAR Insignia



Member Rosette

Can be worn by all members. Worn on the coat lapel or tropical shirt collar. NOT on an overcoat. The rosette is considered informal. Not appropriate for formal wear. Is not to be worn if the SAR member badge is worn.



Member Badge

All Compatriots are encouraged to wear the SAR Badge. A Compatriot should only wear the SAR Badge at functions of the SAR or when representing the SAR. It may also be worn during the funeral of an SAR member or the dedication of a grave marker for a deceased SAR member.

Save the Date, December 12th
for the Bethabara Chapter Holiday Gathering
(details will follow shortly)



Upcoming 2019 Bethabara Chapter Activities

Dec 12 Chapter evening holiday gathering at home of Ed Hosmer, Chapter President
Dec 14 **Wreaths Across America ***

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Jan 9 Bethabara Chapter meeting, Pizza 66, social at noon, meeting starts 12:00 PM
Jan 18 **Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC ***
Jan 24 & 25 South Atlantic District and GA SAR Annual meeting, Atlanta, GA
Feb 1 **Battle of Cowan's Ford, Huntersville, NC ***
NC SAR Winter Board of Managers (BOM) meeting, Huntersville, NC
Feb 13 Bethabara Chapter meeting, Pizza 66, social at noon, meeting starts 12:00 PM
Feb 22 **Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, Currie, NC ***

Mar 12 Bethabara Chapter meeting, Pizza 66, social at noon, meeting starts 12:00 PM
 Mar 14 **Battle of Guilford's Courthouse, Greensboro, NC ***
 Apr 9 Bethabara Chapter meeting, Pizza 66, social at noon, meeting starts 12:00 PM
 May 14 Bethabara Chapter meeting, Pizza 66, social at noon, meeting starts 12:00 PM
 May 14 Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC
 April 3-4th 92nd Annual NC State SAR Convention, Winston-Salem, NC
 April 9 Bethabara Chapter meeting, Pizza 66, social at noon, meeting starts 12:00 PM
 April 18 Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC
 May 14 Bethabara Chapter meeting, Pizza 66, social at noon, meeting starts 12:00 PM
 May 30th Bethabara Chapter's 5th Annual Toast to President George Washington's visit To Salem, 1:30 PM, Old Salem Tavern

* National Color Guard events

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To all Compatriots



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