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DNA Coming Next Month:

Our presentation on May 10th will be by Doug Mauck who is the DNA Project Coordinator for the Mock Family Association. His topic will be: "Using DNA for Genealogy Research".

President's Message:

Chapter President Brian Vazquez asked that I share these quotes that he received from State President Peter Grassl:

1. George Washington - "The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government."
2. John Adams - "There is danger from all men. The only maxim of a free government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty."
3. Thomas Jefferson - "Homer tells us it was so 2600 years ago. ... that whatever... makes man a slave, takes half his worth away."
4. James Madison - "No nation can preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare."
5. James Monroe - "Our country may be likened to a new house. We lack many things, but we possess the most precious of all -- liberty!"
6. John Quincy Adams - "America, in the assembly of nations- has uniformly spoken among them, though often to heedless and often to disdainful ears, the language of equal

Next Meeting: April 12th
Breakfast @ 8am
West Dining Hall
Aldersgate Village
~ 8:45 am <Music of the Rev. War>;
<Brian Vazquez, President>

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liberty, of equal justice, and of equal rights."

Hugh McReynolds, Patriot Ancestor of Richard McReynolds:

JOHN McREYNOLDS (deceased), the father of Dr. McREYNOLDS, was born near Watsonstown, Northumberland Co., Penn., April 3, 1788. He was a son of Hugh and Elizabeth (S N O D D Y) McREYNOLDS, both natives of Belfast, Ireland. Hugh was born in January, 1750 (the first Monday old style), was married October 21, 1784, and died February 28, 1797. He served on the continental side during the Revolution, and after that struggle settled in Black Hole Valley near Watsonstown. He had a family of children as follows: Esther, who married Thomas LAIRD; Andrew, married to Jane MANN; John, married to Agnes McHARD; Matthew, married to Lucinda BENNETT; Robert, married to Susan MOYER;

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Eliza, married to Thomas MORRISON; Isabella, married to Benjamin HALL, and Samuel, who went South and located somewhere in Kentucky, but of whom trace was lost.

"The History of Columbia and Montour Counties (PA)"
Bates, 1887, pp. 352-353. http://freepages.books.rootsweb.com/~jowest/Research/CCBios3a.htm#J_Mcreynolds

Note: The published account has an error on two marriages. Eliza married Benjamin Hall and Isabella married Thomas Morrison.

Son Robert (ancestor of Richard McReynolds) was born on April 13, 1791 near Watsonstown, Northumberland Co., PA. He married Susannah Moyer on October 18, 1821 in Columbia County, PA. He died November 15, 1872 at Havana, Mason County, Illinois.

April 2 1722: Benjamin Franklin Introduces Silence Dogood

...in 1722, the Boston paper The Courant first published a letter from a widow with a keen wit and a gift for satire. Every few weeks, another letter from "Silence Dogood" appeared. The city was captivated by the lady's willingness to poke fun at institutions as illustrious as Harvard. After six months, "Silence Dogood fell silent. Even James

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Minutes: Members and guests of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met for breakfast in the west-dining hall at Aldersgate on March 8, 2008. There were 17 members and 3 guests present. Following the breakfast, members and guests met in the Wesley Auditorium.

President Brian Vazquez opened the meeting and asked Compatriot Elborn Mendenhall to give the invocation. President Vazquez then led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the pledge to SAR. President Vazquez then discussed election of Chapter officers, a patriot report prepared by Allan

Kimmell, genealogical websites that will be made available to the members and outreach programs supported by the State SAR.

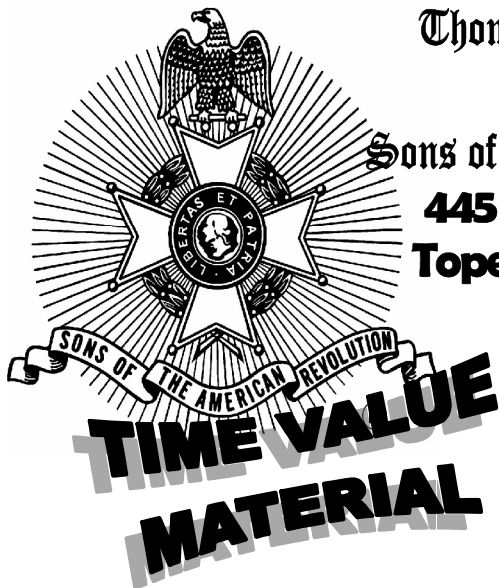
President Vazquez asked Compatriot Roger Johnson to distribute copies of the Chapter minutes from the February 9, 2008, meeting and to introduce guests. Compatriot Martin Klotzbach moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Compatriot Allan Kimmell seconded the motion and it was approved by the members. A Chapter Treasurer's report was not available. Compatriot Martin Klotzbach then discussed State SAR upcoming activities and mentioned a Senate bill allowing veterans the opportunity to salute the flag in or out of uniform and the need for a Chapter history for the Liberty Bell. A discussion followed regarding the proposed new National SAR headquarters building. President Vazquez announced that Wayne Wasson's application for membership had been approved. He then asked Compatriot Bruce Chittenden to report on the Junior ROTC certificates and awards that he delivered to the local Topeka high schools recently.

With the conclusion of business, President Vazquez gave the SAR

recessional and the meeting was adjourned.

April 2 1722: Benjamin Franklin Introduces Silence Dogood (continued from page 1)

Franklin, The Courant's publisher did not know who she was or what had become of her. When her identity was revealed, Boston was amused but James Franklin was not. "Silence Dogood" was his 16-year-old brother Benjamin, an apprentice in his print shop. The brothers parted ways, and Benjamin Franklin left his native city for Philadelphia, which now claims him as its own. Ask most Americans and they will tell you that Philadelphia was Benjamin Franklin's hometown. But the famous printer, writer, statesmen, and inventor was actually a Boston boy. Franklin was born in 1706 in a little house on Milk Street just across from the Old South Church. He was the 15th child of Josiah Franklin, a candle and soap maker, and his wife Abiah. When Ben was six, the family moved to a slightly larger dwelling at the corner of Union and Hanover Streets. Young Ben Franklin explored the streets, mill ponds, and wharves of the colonial city, getting into various forms of mischief and picking up an education along the way. Source: <http://www.massmoments.org/80/moment.cfm?mid=101>



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