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### DNA Related Sites:

Doug Mauck is the DNA Project Coordinator for the Mock Family Association. See <http://members.cox.net/dmauck> for information about the DNA project he manages and other links with more information about DNA. Family Tree DNA (<http://www.familytreedna.com/>) is just one example of a commercial DNA site.

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April 30, 1776

### *Samuel Adams writes of hope for more battles*

In a letter to Reverend Samuel Cooper dated April 30, 1776, Samuel Adams writes of his hopes for another battle between British and American troops, stating his belief that, " One battle would do more towards a Declaration of Independence than a long chain of conclusive arguments in a provincial convention or the Continental Congress." At the time of the letter's composition, General George Washington had successfully driven the British from Boston with his victory at Dorchester Heights on March 17. The British were left with very meager footholds in North America: Quebec, the Floridas and Nova Scotia, Canada.

Fifteen days after Adams wished for bloodshed, the colonies effectively overthrew the British on the strength of the pen, not the sword. Emboldened by the impassioned words of Thomas Paine

**Next Meeting: May 10th  
Breakfast @ 8am  
West Dining Hall  
Aldersgate Village  
~ 8:45 am <Using DNA for  
Genealogy Research>  
<Doug Mauck>**

"Please note this address for Brian - [zebrasrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zebrasrs@sbcglobal.net) .

For attendance at the meeting,  
please respond to Brian Vazquez at [sarbmy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sarbmy@sbcglobal.net) ."

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in his pamphlet, *Common Sense*, the people of Pennsylvania and New Jersey followed the congressional injunction of May 15 to take "every kind of authority" from the British crown, and overthrew their royal governments. New York, Delaware and Maryland soon followed suit. By June, Thomas Jefferson began to draft the *Declaration of Independence*, with John Adams and Benjamin Franklin at his side.

Reverend Cooper, the recipient of Adams' letter, played a quiet, but influential role in the revolution. Installed at the Brattle Street Church in Boston, Massachusetts, since 1746, he soon became one of the most popular preachers in the country. Founded in 1699, the Brattle Street Church was known for its

### TJC webpage:

[http://members.cox.net/tjchptrtopekaks/TJC\\_SAR.htm](http://members.cox.net/tjchptrtopekaks/TJC_SAR.htm)

rejection of conservative Calvinism and its influence upon Harvard University, which, like the church, was becoming increasingly liberal. The church eventually rejected the concept of the Christian trinity and became Unitarian. Cooper was devoted to both religious and civil liberty and was an early critic of British policy in America. In addition to writing some political works, he vociferously shared these sentiments with his Brattle Street congregation, which included John Hancock, James Bowdoin and John Adams. Samuel Adams, his fellow Massachusetts Patriot James Otis and Benjamin Franklin were also among Cooper's circle of friends.

Cooper's political writings were popular abroad and he worked with his foreign acquaintances to cement American alliances with Europe during the American Revolution. Cooper was seen as so instrumental in lobbying for the Patriot alliance with France, negotiated by his friend Benjamin Franklin, that he received a stipend from the French crown.

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**Guests:** Alan Russ, Alicia Primm,  
Medford Shively, Wayne Wasson

**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 April 12, 2008.  
There were 17 members and 4 guests  
present. Following the breakfast,  
members and guests met in the  
Wesley Auditorium.

President Brian Vazquez opened the  
meeting and called upon Compatriot  
Elborn Mendenhall to give the invo-  
cation. President Vazquez then led in  
the pledge of allegiance to the flag and  
the pledge to SAR. President Vazquez  
then gave a program on the history of  
music in the Revolutionary War.  
President Vazquez then asked Com-  
patriot Roger Johnson to distribute  
copies of the Chapter minutes from  
the March 8, 2008, meeting and intro-  
duce guests. Compatriot Rich

McReynolds moved that the minutes  
as distributed be approved. Compa-  
triot Dennis Mize seconded the motion  
and the motion was approved by the  
members. Compatriot Johnson also  
presented correspondence received by  
the Chapter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Compatriot  
Richard Kleinschmidt then gave the  
Chapter Treasurer's report. He re-  
ported that the Chapter had \$ 412.60  
of income and \$437.33 in expenses for  
the period December 8, 2007, to April  
12, 2008, and an ending checking ac-  
count balance of \$2,329.99 at April 12,  
2008. In addition the Chapter had  
certificates of deposit of \$3,778.81 at  
April 12, 2008.

President Vazquez then discussed the  
recent State SAR conference and men-  
tioned changes may occur in the ad-  
ministration of future oration con-  
tests. He also mentioned the National  
SAR conference to be held in Sacra-  
mento, California, from July 4 to July  
9, 2008. President Vazquez then pre-  
sented a life membership certificate to  
Compatriot Richard Kleinschmidt  
and announced that life membership  
certificates were also given to Compa-  
triot Carl Smith and Alexander  
Wood. He also announced that the  
Chapter won the 2008 State Avery  
Washburn award for membership  
renewals.

**Election of Officers:** President  
Vazquez then presented a slate of offi-  
cers for the 2008/2009 year consisting

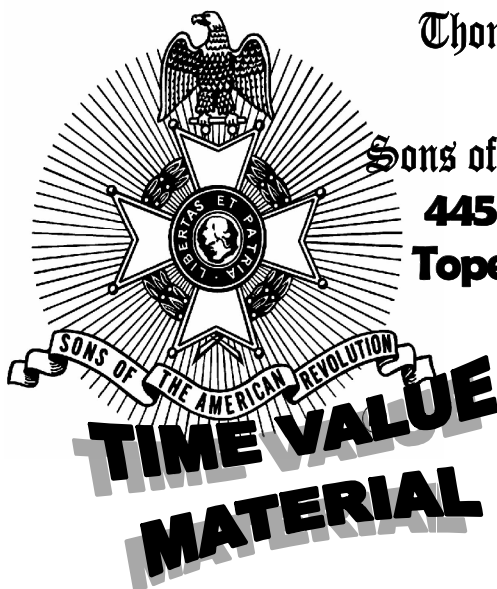
of Compatriots Brian Vazquez, Presi-  
dent, Ramon Powers, Vice President,  
Richard Kleinschmidt, Treasurer, and  
Roger Johnson, Secretary. Compatriot  
Dennis Mize moved that the slate of offi-  
cers as presented be approved. Compa-  
triot Rich McReynolds seconded the  
motion and the motion was approved by  
the members.

**June Chapter Meeting Cancelled:**  
Under new business, President Vazquez  
announced that the optional June meet-  
ing of the Chapter would not be held  
this year. Compatriot Roger Johnson  
suggested that the Chapter secure a post  
office box to receive future Chapter  
mail. President Vazquez said that he  
would determine the cost and availabil-  
ity of a post office box and report to the  
Chapter on his inquiries.

Compatriot Richard Kleinschmidt then  
discussed a proposal to raise State SAR  
dues to provide funding for the 2013  
National SAR conference to be held in  
Kansas City. Compatriot Kleinschmidt  
suggested that the Chapter set aside \$2  
from dues collected each year for the  
next five years for this purpose. Discus-  
sion followed.

**2009 State Meeting in Topeka:**  
President Vazquez mentioned that  
Topeka would be the site of the 2009  
State SAR conference.

With the conclusion of business, Presi-  
dent Vazquez gave the SAR recessional  
and the meeting was adjourned.



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