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Mark Your Calendars: The 2009 State SAR meeting will be 20-21 March in Topeka at the Ramada Inn. TJC is the host chapter. Orval Knodel is in charge of planning and would like your suggestions for program and entertainment ideas. Also volunteers to help. Plan now to attend.

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TJC Life Membership: At the January 2008 meeting, the new TJC Life Membership plan was approved. Those members who are currently State and National Life Members should seriously consider also becoming a TJC Life Member this fall. The new form will be distributed with the September newsletter and will need to be submitted with payment before October 31, 2008—the due date for all 2009 dues. Chapter Life Member dues are \$159 from age 18 to 40, then decline \$3 per year of age to \$12 at age 89.

For those members who have been paying dues annually, you may wish to consider becoming a national, state and chapter Life Member (LM). You must be a national LM to become a state LM and a state LM to become a TJC LM. All three applications with a check for the amount due may be submitted at the same time. Contact any officer or the editor for more information.

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Robert Stuart Coulter, Patriot Ancestor of Richard Kleinschmidt:
The following is abstracted from an obituary for George Fleming Coulter on the front page of the January 11, 1889, **MARISSA MESSENGER**, Marissa, Illinois, Issue Number 85.

**Next Meeting: Sept 13th
Breakfast @ 8am
West Dining Hall
Aldersgate Village
~ 8:45 am <TBA>**

"Please note this address for Brian - zebrasrs@sbcglobal.net .
For attendance at the meeting, please respond to Brian Vazquez at sarbmy@sbcglobal.net ."

George Fleming Coulter was a brother of Robert Stuart Coulter, Jr.—Richard's ancestor.

GEORGE FLEMING COULTER
"The memory of the just is blessed." Of him who is the noble subject of this brief sketch it may be truly said that he was one "that feared God and eschewed evil." He was born in Robertson Co., Tenn. August 20th, 1807. His Father, Robert Stuart Coulter, a lineal descendant of the Scottish House of Stuart, enlisted in the Continental Army at the age of sixteen and served all through the hardship of the Revolutionary war. His mother was Margaret Fleming, daughter of George Fleming, an Englishman whose grandfather was a knight and had been a soldier in some of the old English wars, and was descended from the English House of Fleming. George Fleming, a high churchman in faith, married Mrs. Brown, whose maiden name was Sidneh Rosine, one of the Swedish

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covenanters who early settled Philadelphia. During the French and Indian War the Indians killed her first husband and child, and setting fire to her dwelling. They compelled her to move with them to Quebec, where they sold her to the French Governor for five French crowns. In 1769 she with other prisoners were exchanged. Gen. Philip Schuyler won her lasting gratitude by generous and timely assisting when she started on her dreary journey to Philadelphia; as she expressed it—"In the old Desolation." George Fleming Coulter was the worthy son of these heroic ancestors. He was a man of unblemished honor from first to last. In 1818, on account of their anti-slavery principles, his father's family removed from Tennessee to Illinois. He had five brothers, two of whom died in infancy. Those remaining were James, who with himself founded Coulterville, Archibald, who formerly owned the place now occupied by Geo. Nevin, Sr., and Robert Stuart, father of Dr. A. P. Coulter of Marissa. There were five sisters; Mary Howard, Elizabeth East, Sidneh Edwards, Margaret and Jane McMillan. These all lived noble lives and made the name of Coulter a synonym for honesty, truth and purity of heart. George F. Coulter married in Sept., 1833, Sarah Sophia Armour, daughter of John Armour, who founded the city of Sparta, a man of uncommon information and intelligence. (cont. pg 2)

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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 May 10, 2008. There were 19 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 the Chapter Color Guard, consisting of Compatriots Martin Klotzbach, Freeman Vicory and Robert Primm, to present the Colors. Compatriot Elborn Mendenhall then gave the invocation and President Vazquez then led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the pledge to SAR.

New Flag Cabinet: Eagle Scout candidate Corey Collie presented his Eagle Scout project, a flag cabinet, to

The Chapter.

Use of DNA for Genealogy Research: President Vazquez then asked Compatriot Rich McReynolds to introduce the guest speaker, Doug Mauck. Mr. Mauck gave a presentation on DNA genealogy research. After the presentation, Mr. Mauck took questions from the members and guests.

President Vazquez then discussed the May BOG meeting and mentioned funding for the 2013 National SAR conference was the primary topic discussed at the meeting. President Vazquez asked Compatriot Roger Johnson to distribute copies of the Chapter minutes from the April 12, 2008, meeting and introduce guests. Compatriot Johnson also mentioned that Compatriot Patrick Huntley and his wife Margaret received a letter of appreciation from the VA for their donation of calendars. Compatriot Orval Knodel then discussed the 2009 State SAR conference and the need for help with conference program ideas.

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Richard Kleinschmidt provided a Chapter Treasurer's report. The report noted that the Chapter had \$41.48 of income and \$83.22 in expenses for the period April 12, 2008, to May 10, 2008, and an ending checking account balance of \$2,288.25 at May 10, 2008. In addition the Chapter had certificates of deposit of \$3,786.16 at May 10, 2008. President Vazquez announced that a Chapter executive committee meeting would be held in July, 2008. Compatriot Klein-

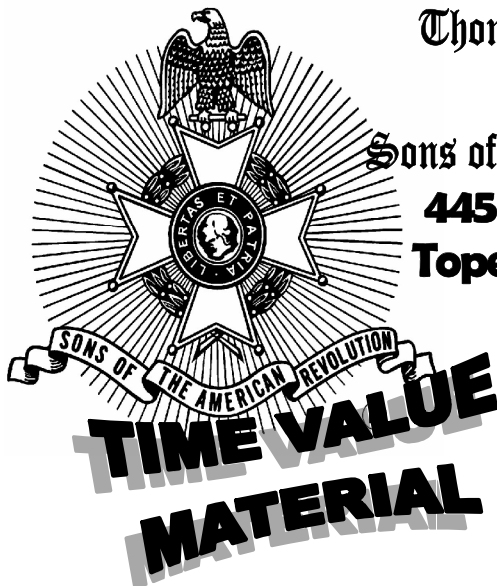
schmidt then discussed a proposal to sell commemorative plaques for \$120 (\$100 tax deductible) as a potential fund raiser for the 2013 National SAR conference. Compatriot Elborn Mendenhall asked about Chapter life membership accounting and segregation of funds. In response, Compatriot Kleinschmidt said that an assistant treasurer would be responsible for the life membership accounting.

TJC Chapter Receives the Avery Washington Award:

President Vazquez then mentioned that our Chapter had received the State large chapter Avery Washburn award for timely dues collection. Compatriot Kleinschmidt noted that membership dues would be collected in September and October of this year. President Vazquez also mentioned that Compatriots Bruce Chittenden and Martin Klotzbach presented junior ROTC awards recently at the local high schools.

Patriot Ancestor (cont. from pg 1)
They had seven children, four of whom died in early infancy, and the remaining three live at and near the homestead. He was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and lived in accordance with the testimony of that faith.

He was sinking at that time, and gradually grew weaker, until the morning of Jan. 1st, he passed peacefully away at ten minutes before three o'clock at the age of eighty one years four months and eleven days.



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