

With the ancient logs incased in a wall of brick, the John Lewis home, erected in 1732, is now ready for occupancy again.

# John Lewis' Famous Home-Fort Restored

BY CASKIE STINNETT

## Augusta County's Probable "First Citizen" Built Well, and Old House Has Withstood Onslaughts of Indians and Seasons.

SHORTLY after the white settlement was made at Winchester in 1726, two of its most courageous settlers, determined to penetrate that section of the Valley of the South, pushed slowly and laboriously through the sylvan Shenandoan. According to history, the two adventurers, John Martin and John Salling, crossed the James River in safety but upon arrival at the Roanoke River Salling was taken captive by hostile Cherokee Indians.

What happened to Martin is a matter of conjecture, but it has been definitely established that Salling was held by the tribe for six years before he eventually effected an escape and made his way to Williamsburg. There, in spite of the hardships which he must have undergone, he painted a glowing picture of the ruggedly beautiful, but dense and wild, country which lay in the Valley between the ranges.

Salling's story was listened to with interest, but there were no more intensely interested listeners than John Lewis and John Mackey, who immediately resolved to see for themselves the native beauty which the adventurer had described.

A strange uncertainty even now exists as to the actual date of the first settlement of Augusta County, but it is a known fact that John Lewis, searching for a new home, settled first on the left bank of Middle River and then selected the site of his permanent settlement on the left bank of a stream—which to this day bears his name.

There, within sight of two mountains which he named Betsy Bell and Mary Gray, the pioneer John Lewis erected his half fort and half residence. Part of stone and half of hand-hewn logs, Fort Lewis was one of the most secure bulwarks in the Valley. Had it been less secure, there seems little question but that the crimson tide of Indian massacre would have rushed along the banks of Lewis Creek.

### Famous Home-Fort Is Being Remodeled

STILL standing on a slight knoll, two miles from the present town of Staunton, is the famous home-fort of Augusta's first settler. Long neglected, the property has recently been purchased by a new owner who is beginning his work of restoration. Heverer, the

announced purpose the restoration of the old home in order that it may again be occupied with a reasonable degree of comfort.

Pushed forward throughout the summer, the work is virtually completed and within a few weeks the home of pioneer Lewis will again echo the sounds of life.

Unheralded, unaccompanied by any barrage of publicity and press agency, the task of reconstructing the oldest house in the Shenandoah Valley has gone on. Now, with its ancient log walls shielded from the winds and rain by an armour of brick and its creaking beams strengthened by firm young timbers, the historic old dwelling will return to use.

The decay of years has wrought little harm to the old house and, although much of the flooring and walls of the building that John Lewis erected has long since been replaced, the building is basically original. The sturdy oak logs, chinked with clay, show clearly the marks of the pioneer's hand.

The 200 years that have passed since the hill, buffeted by the winds of Virginia winters, has seen the workmen before him build in brick walls, the old structure atrophied tremendously. The walls, which suffered even more so from the intermittent dwellers. The house, stuck in hybrid between the old and the new, was the work of the new owner, Queer and the fireplace frames, the original walls, all came to the fore. While the demands of the modern world have made a true reproduction impossible, the beauty of the restored home is greatly resembling the home set up in the days of the first Lewis.

As far as possible the original features of the house are being retained untouched. The stark perary which made the pioneer fasten wooden pins with which to join his cross beams under the roof, exists no longer, this ingenious method of holding the beams in place will continue to be relied

on in the future. The blackened, stone chimneys, the old fortress-kitchen, all will remain.

### Lone John Lewis Fights Off Attack

THE old stone fort will remain untouched, at least for the present. It is bare.

That the fort was used considerably is unquestioned, for several early histories speak of attacks made upon Fort Lewis, attacks which would have been successful but for the sturdy construction of the fort. Amity and goodwill existed between the Fort Lewis settlement and the Redskins for many years, until the rapid increase of white settlers soon brought about a formidable colony. The jealousy of the natives became aroused and intermittent warfare broke out.

One attack, most often related, was said to have been made upon Fort Lewis when practically the entire force of the settlement was out in the fields and woods at work. Only John Lewis, his wife and two young women from a possible, but unanticipated attack. Surprised by the Redskins, aged John and his wife retired hastily to the fort. Through a porthole near which he was standing, the old settler opened fire on the attackers. Firing rapidly at the attacking force, Lewis passed the empty guns to his wife, Margaret, who as promptly as she could reloaded and returned them to him. For 8 hours the old fellow maintained his station and during the siege he killed upwards of 20 savages. He was eventually relieved by his sons and others of the settlement who beat off the gunfire.

The explanation of the curious names which Lewis gave to his neighboring mountains can best be traced through a sketch of his genealogy. A native of France and John Lewis descended from a family of Huguenots who took refuge from the persecutions which followed the assassination of Henry IV of France. A man of brilliant standing he married Margaret, daughter of the

Laird of Loch Lynn—a descendant of a once powerful clan in the Scottish Highlands.

Two similar mountains, named Betsy Bell and Mary Gray, stand near the little Scottish town of Perth. According to legend, the house of Lednoch and the house of Kinvaid were close by. The beautiful young heiress of the Laird of Lednoch was Mary Gray. Her devoted friend was the lovely daughter of the Laird of Kinvaid—Betsy Bell. The legend continues to tell how a pestilence broke out in 1645 near the little town of Perth. Hoping they would escape the dread pestilence, the two young ladies retired to a bower which had been built for them close by Lednoch house. To this bower, however, they were followed by their sweetheart—who loved them both—and from him they contracted the plague. Neither of the lovely lassies survived and for them the twin hills were named.

The selection by Lewis of the names Mary Gray and Betsy Bell for the two mountains which rise in front of his home, is doubtless a tie-back to the settlers' Irish sanguinity.

### Interesting Epitaph On Tombstone

AS the last sound of the workmen's hammers die out and the restoration of John Lewis' old home and fort is pronounced as complete, Mary Gray and Betsy Bell, unchanged and unaltered by the passage of two centuries, seem to graciously lend themselves to round out the picture from Augusta County's history book.

On a hillside just north of Fort Lewis, and within easy sight of the house, is the grave of John Lewis. Enclosed by a modest rail fence, the grave is covered by a tablet, which carries John Lewis' interesting epitaph:

"Here lies the remains of John Lewis, Who slew the Irish Lord, settled Augusta County, located the town of Staunton and furnished a name to fight the battles of the American Revolution. He was the son of Andrew Lewis and Mary Calhoun, was born in Donegal County, Ireland, 1678 and died February 1, 1763. Age 84 years. He was a brave man, a true patriot and a friend of liberty throughout the world. Mortalitate Relicta Vivit."

WOMEN'S NEWS

# THE ROANOKE TIMES

SOCIETY

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 1937.

Thirteen

MRS. ROBERT COCHRANE NAMED REGENT D. A. R. CHAPTER

# RECENT CONGRESS AT LUNCHEON MEET

State Regent, Mrs. Arthur  
Rowbotham, Is Guest  
of Honor

5-9-37

Reports on the recent national congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the annual election of chapter officers featured the luncheon meeting of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, D. A. R., held Saturday at the Country club. The table decorations were of gay-hued spring flowers, and arrangements for the luncheon were made by Mrs. A. H. Dudley, Mrs. James O'Keefe, and Mrs. James P. Woods.

Mrs. J. B. Preston presided, and an honor guest was the state D. A. D. regent, Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham, of Altavista. Reports of the congress were given by the delegates, Mrs. James P. Woods, Mrs. Lawrence S. Davis, Mrs. W. F. Genheimer and Mrs. W. H. Horton. The chapter scrap book, which has been compiled by Mrs. A. B. Coleman won the second national honor, and the first honor in the recent state convention.

Mrs. J. R. Schick, Mrs. Genheimer, and Mrs. A. S. Payne, the nominating committee, proposed the following slate for officers for the coming three years, which was unanimously adopted: Mrs. James R. Schick, honorary state regent and chapter regent; Mrs. Robert Cochran, regent; Mrs. H. A. Dudley, first vice-regent; Mrs. Littleton Davis, second vice-regent; Mrs. R. W. Fry, chaplain; Miss Ethel Thomas, recording secretary; Mrs. James O'Keefe, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Cash Shoaf, treasurer; Miss Julia Leache, historian; Mrs. W. H. Horton, librarian; Miss Lucy Wingfield, registrar.

A large gathering of the members attended the luncheon, and there were several visitors.

Monday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will sponsor a radio program in observance of Flag Day. Miss Lucy Jackson Stearnes, who is the chapter chairman of correct use of the flag, will speak. There will be music by a quartette composed of Mrs. Beverley Wortham, Mrs. Robert Cochrane, Charles Beard and Joseph Preston, with Mrs. E. E. Graham at the piano.

6-13-1937

## D. A. R. Chapter to Give Tea Friday

The tea to be given by the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, in honor of Mrs. William H. Pouch, organizing secretary general, D. A. R., and national president of the Children of the American Revolution, will be held on Friday of this week instead of Wednesday, as originally announced. The tea, at which Mrs Pouch will speak, will be given at 4 o'clock at the Patrick Henry hotel, following a short business session.

The hostess chapter has invited members of the Col. William Preston, the Nancy Christian Fleming chapters of Roanoke, the Fort Lewis chapter of Salem, D. A. R., and the Mill Mountain chapter, C. A. R., to be guests on this occasion.

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# D. A. R. Speaker and Regent



*Mrs. William H. Pouch (left), organizing secretary general, D. A. R., and the National president of the C. A. R., who will be guest of honor and speaker at a tea to be given Friday afternoon at the Patrick Henry hotel by the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, D. A. R., of which Mrs. Robert Cochrane (right) is regent.*

Nov 3, 1937

# Mrs. Pouch Will Address D. A. R.

On Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mrs. William H. Pouch of New York City will address a meeting of all Daughters of the American Revolution of Roanoke and Salem in the breakfast room of Hotel Patrick Henry.

Mrs. Pouch will be the guest of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter while in the city. Her subject for the afternoon will be "Youth," which is being emphasized in the work of the National Society.

Many representatives from chapters in other towns as well as State and National officers will be present to hear Mrs. Pouch speak.

Following the address the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter is honoring Mrs. Pouch with a tea at the hotel. Mrs. Robert C. Churchill is chairman of arrangements for the tea.

Mrs. Robert Cochrane, chapter regent, announces that there will be a dinner at 6 o'clock in the Meiringen Tea Room. All members of local D. A. R. chapters wishing to make reservations, can phone Miss Katherine Cralle, Mrs. Ernest Penn or Miss Ethel Thomas.

3 Nov '37

# D. A. R. CHAPTER HAS MEETING TO HONOR CHAPTER FOUNDERS

Mrs. Robert Cochrane  
Hostess at Home of  
Mrs. Genheimer

The Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, gathered Saturday afternoon at "Genhaven," home of Mrs. William F. Genheimer, to honor the founders of the chapter.

Mrs. Robert Cochrane was hostess and those assisting in arrangements were Mrs. Genheimer, Mrs. William K. Davis and Mrs. Leonard Key.

Among the past chapter regents asked to receive with Mrs. Cochrane were Mrs. J. R. Schick, Mrs. R. W. Fry, Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham, Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, Mrs. A. B. Richardson, Mrs. H. A. Dudley, Mrs. Felix Parker and Mrs. J. B. Preston.

### Begun in 1894

In 1894 Mrs. Lelia Smith Cocke called together a group of women who formed the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter. Names which appear on that first list are: Mrs. W. W. S. Butler, Mrs. Thomas Lewis, Miss Agnes Palmer, Mrs. R. H. Soule, Mrs. A. P. Staples, Mrs. John Penn, Miss Annie Penn, Miss Lucy Penn, Mrs. P. L. Terry, Mrs. C. S. Churchill, Mrs. W. S. Gooch, Mrs. J. R. Schick, Mrs. J. E. Yonge, Miss Marion Cocke, Mrs. C. H. Bebee, Mrs. Thomas H. Bransford, Mrs. A. C. Christian, Mrs. Mary M. Daniel, Mrs. M. A. Hambrick, Mrs. E. T. Kindred, Mrs. J. C. Lazell, Mrs. Nannie Barksdale and Mrs. A. B. Shackelford. In the earliest years of the chapter the regents were Mrs. Lelia Smith Cocke, Mrs. S. W. Jamison, Mrs. Thomas Lewis and Mrs. John West.

The punch tables decorated with garden flowers were presided over by Mrs. E. G. Penn and Miss Marion Cocke.

Mrs. James R. Schick, who is an honorary state regent, having served in many state and chapter offices, recounted the beginning of the chapter, its growth and widespread achievements during the 43 years of its existence.

Mrs. Lucian H. Cocke, who is a national charter member and was one of the first vice-presidents general, gave a paper on the first Continental congress of the society at which she was a speaker.

Invitations were issued to chapter members and daughters of the chapter founders.



NOKE, VIRGINIA: SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7, 1937.

## Receive Guests at D. A. R. Tea Friday



*Pictured here is the receiving line at the D. A. R. tea given by the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. William H. Pouch, organizing secretary general, D. A. R., and national president, C. A. R. They are (left to right)— Mrs. J. R. Schick, honorary state and local chapter representative; Mrs. Lucian H. Cocke, past vice-president general; Mrs. Charles B. Keesee, corresponding secretary gen-*

*eral; Mrs. C. Edward Nurray, national director of schools; Mrs. J. F. F. Cassell, state director; Mrs. William Pouch; Mrs. Arthur Robotham, state regent; Mrs. Claudine Hutter, state vice-regent; Mrs. Robert Cochrane, regent of the hostess chapter. (Times Staff Photo—C. V. Martin.)*

# Mrs. Kent Ford Guest Speaker

Mrs. Kent Ford, of Clifton Forge, state historian of the Daughters of the American Revolution, spoke at the first fall meeting of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Ford's talk opened the year's golden jubilee program in the chapter, as arranged by the chairman, Mrs. William F. Genheimer. She was introduced by Miss Julia Leache, chapter historian.

The regent, Mrs. Robert Cochran, announced plans being made with other D. A. R. and C. A. R. chapters in Roanoke and Salem for Friday afternoon, November 3, when Mrs. C. A. Swann Sinclair, state regent, will speak. Her subject is to be "Historic Shrines in Virginia," and together with other features, the program will be open to the public.

Mrs. Arthur B. Richardson, Mrs. J. Ellis Robinson and Mrs. J. W. Hancock entertained the chapter at the home of Mrs. Richardson.

chapter at the State conference in Williamsburg next week.

Mrs. Robert Cochrane, who was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. E. E. Graham, sang an appropriate hymn at the conclusion of the meeting.

The hostess, Mrs. Penn, was assisted by Mrs. Shick and Mrs. Cochrane was at the tea table.

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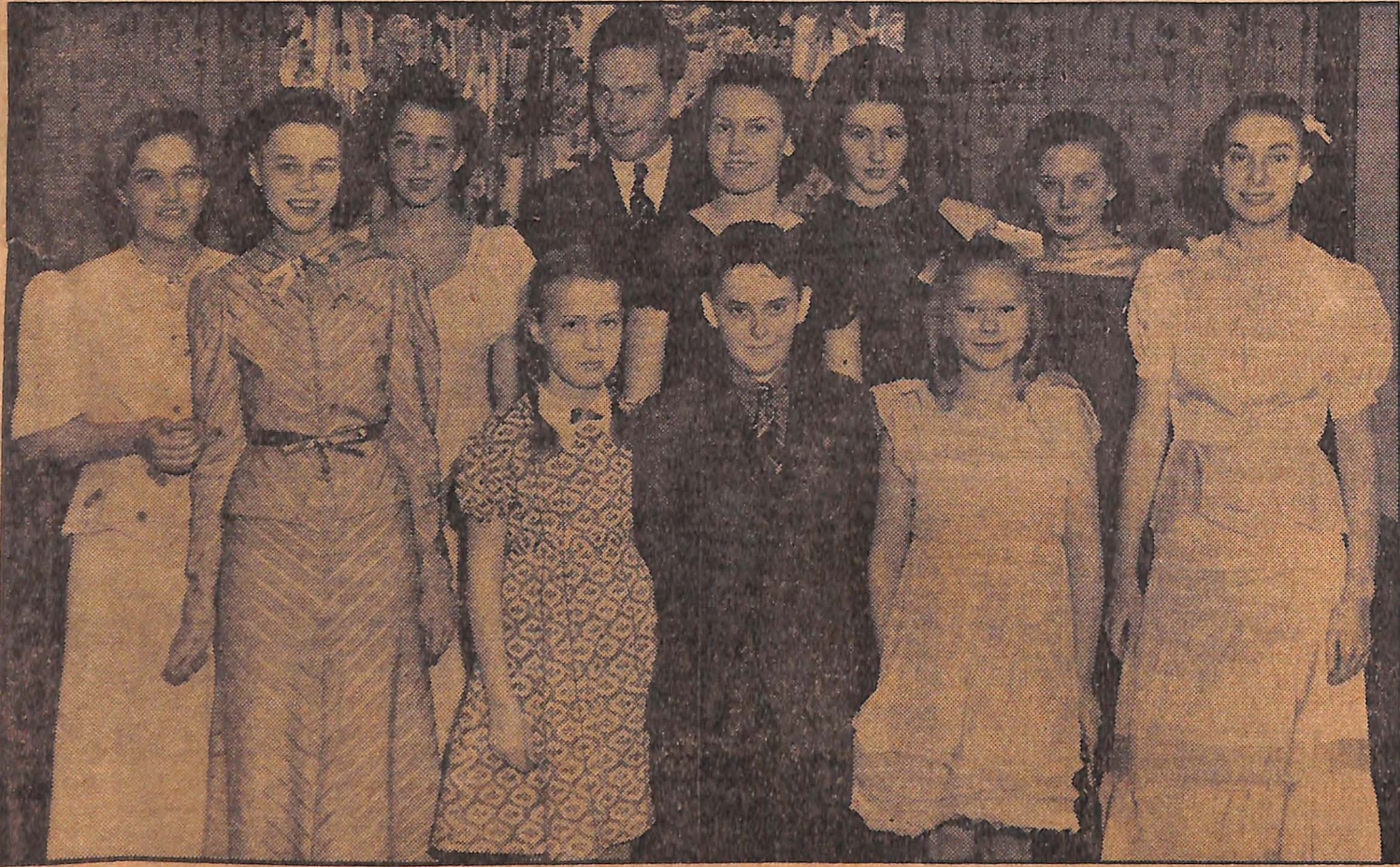
## D. A. R. Members Entertained at Tea

Mrs. Richard Watson Fry was hostess yesterday afternoon to the executive board of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution following the executive board meeting held in the afternoon.

A few invited guests and the members of the board were served in the Red room at the Patrick Henry hotel at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Fry was assisted by Mrs. C. Shelburne Spindle and Mrs. Robert L. Cochran, president of the chapter, presided at the tea table.

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## Children of the American Revolution



Among members of the local chapter, Children of the American Revolution, who attended the program Friday given by the parent organization, Daughters of American Revolution, at Hotel Patrick Henry, are the 11 shown above.

Grouped in the picture here, reading in the customary left to right

method, they are: front row—Betty Beasley (extreme left), Jean McGuire, Betty Roberts, Harry Hancock, Jr., Alice Willis Roberts, Sara Shaw Genheimer; rear row—Barbara Ann Key, Andrew L. Roberts (president), Minnie King Bass, Josephine Gale, Mrs. Frank Lewis Hutson. (Times Staff Photo—C. W. Martin.)



*Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham, of Altavista, state regent of the D. A. R., has been a member of Mrs. Keese's house party this week-end in Martinsville. Mrs. Rowbotham is a former Roanoker and frequent visitor here. 2-6-1938*

# Daughters of Revolution Ready for State Meeting

Mar 1, 1938

Alexandria, historic spot, will be the setting for the 42nd annual gathering of Virginia's Daughters of the American Revolution, and Roanoke's three chapters will be represented.

Incidentally, the State regent and presiding officer, Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham, of Altavista, is a former Roanoker.

And—a Roanoker, Mrs. J. B. Preston, is the unopposed nominee for chaplain of the State group.

## *Begins Tomorrow*

The convention will begin tomorrow and continue through Friday. Besides the regents of Margaret Lynn Lewis and Col. William Preston chapters here, Mrs. Robert Cochran and Mrs. C. R. Williams, respectively, and the delegates of Nancy Christian Fleming chapter, Mrs. E. Gray Linney, Roanokers expected to attend include Mrs. James R. Schick, honorary State regent, and Mrs. Preston.

A choice will be made between two candidates for regent. They are Miss Claudine Hutter, of Lynchburg, now vice-regent, and Mrs. C. A. Swann Sinclair, of Alexandria, the present chaplain.

Other nominees include Mrs. George Stone Carter, of Danville, for vice-regent; Mrs. Bruce Reynolds, of University, recording secretary; Mrs. G. Lloyd Bell, of Suffolk, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. M. Fitzhugh, of Newport News, treasurer; Mrs. Kent Ford, of Clifton Forge, historian; Mrs. William Vernon Tynes, of Norfolk, registrar; Mrs. Joseph D. Deal, of Norfolk, librarian.

The convention will open with registration at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the George Mason hotel. The State board meeting will follow at 2:15 o'clock in the hotel.

## *Mrs. Becker to Speak*

At 6 o'clock that night a dinner in honor of the president-general, Mrs. William A. Becker, and distinguished guests, will be held in the hotel.

The opening session will be held in the Masonic Temple at 8:30 o'clock with Mrs. Becker giving the main address. A reception will follow the program.

Thursday's activities will begin with the State Officers' club breakfast at 8 a. m. in the George Mason hotel. A new president for the club will be elected at this time. The first business session will open at 9:30 o'clock in the Masonic Temple, when the reports of the State officers will be given.

Special addresses will be made by Miss Katherine Mathies, national chairman of schools; Mrs. A. E. Gar-

rett, State chairman of junior membership; Miss Elizabeth Barnes, national vice-chairman of junior clubs; and Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes, well-known author and editor of the D. A. R. Magazine.

Luncheon will be served in the hotel at 1:50 p. m. and immediately following members will visit Christ church for a memorial service. At 3:45 o'clock dedication exercises will be held at the restored doorway of historic Gadsby's Tavern in honor of Mrs. Eleanor Selden Washington Howard, the last child born on the Mount Vernon estate. Tea will be served following the exercises and a tour of local historic places will complete the afternoon's program.

The regent's evening will be held at 7:45 p. m. in the Masonic Temple, when the chapter regents will give their annual reports.

## *To Elect Friday*

Election of officers will constitute the main business of Friday morning's session which opens at 9 o'clock in the Masonic Temple. Plans for the D. A. R. Day at the Institute of Public Affairs will be made. Luncheon will be served at 1:15 p. m. in the hotel.

In the afternoon a tour of historic spots, including Gunston Hall and Woodlawn, will be made. Tea will be served at 4 o'clock at Pohick vestry house.

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Special guests who will attend, besides Mrs. Becker, will be: Mrs. William H. Pouch, national president, C. A. R.; Mrs. Henry M. Robert, treasurer-general, D. A. R.; Mrs. William H. Belk, vice-president-general, North Carolina; Mrs. Howard Hodgkins, honorary vice-president-general, D. A. R.; Mrs. William H. Clapp, State regent of New York; Mrs. Harper D. Shepard, State regent of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Henry Clay Chiles, State regent, Missouri; Mrs. Charles Haig, State regent, District of Columbia; Miss Ada Johnson, State regent, France; Mrs. Wilbur Blakeslee, State regent, Maryland; Mrs. Geoffrey Creyke, national chairman, program committee; Miss Katherine Mathies, national chairman, approved schools; Miss Elizabeth Barnes, national

## Dr. Longaker Addresses Local D. A. R. Chapter

"Religion and the New Generation" was the subject of the talk given by Dr. F. C. Longaker, of Roanoke college, at the Christmas meeting of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, yesterday afternoon.

The chapter met at the home of Mrs. James O'Keefe, with Mrs. Richard W. Fry as assisting hostess.

Among the reports made by chapter chairmen, Mrs. J. E. Robinson stated that a large box of materials had been sent to Ellis Island for handicraft work among the immigrants there.

Miss Sallie Lovelace reported that this month a girl who excels in the qualifications of a good citizen: Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism, would be selected from the Jefferson high school senior class. Her name will be sent to the State D. A. R. society where one girl will be chosen to go from Virginia to Washington during the time of Continental Congress in April. This work of the Good Citizenship Pilgrimage committee is being undertaken in chapters throughout the nation.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Leonard Key entertained the members with a program of Christmas carols.

Mrs. Robert Cochrane, the regent who presided, announced that Dr. Gillie Larew from Randolph-Macon Woman's college, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the chapter.



3-1-1938

# Mrs. J. B. Preston Slated For State D. A. R. Post

## Roanoke Woman Unopposed Nominee for Chaplain at Convention

Mrs. J. B. Preston, of Roanoke, is the unopposed nominee for the office of chaplain of the Virginia Daughters of the Revolution and her election will be verified at the 42d annual convention which opens Wednesday in Alexandria. A choice will be made between two candidates for regent. They are Miss Claudine Hutter, of Lynchburg, now vice-regent, and Mrs. C. A. Swann Sinclair, of Alexandria, the present chaplain.

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### Former Roanoker Presides

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Hostess chapters for the meeting will be Dr. Elisha Dick, Fairfax county, Falls Church, Francis Wallis, John Alexander, Kate Waller Barrett, Mount Vernon and Thomas Nelson chapters.

Mrs. John T. Ashton is general chairman of the convention committee. She is being assisted by Mrs. J. T. Stephenson, secretary.

Among those from Roanoke who will attend the convention are Mrs. James R. Schick, honorary State regent; Mrs. Robert Cochrane, regent of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter; Mrs. J. B. Preston, delegate; Mrs. C. R. Williams, regent of Col. William Preston chapter; Mrs. E. Gray Linney, delegate of Nancy Christian Fleming chapter; and several delegates from Mill Mountain chapter, Children of the American Revolution.

# Mrs. L. H. Cocke Tells Of First D. A. R. Congress

## Attended as Georgia Delegate — Miss Rosebro Is Given Pin

Mrs. Lucian H. Cocke gave reminiscences of her attendance at the first continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, at the meeting of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, D. A. R., on Friday afternoon at the Patrick Henry hotel. Mrs. Cocke attended the first congress as a delegate from Georgia, as her home was then in Atlanta. The chapter presented to Miss Frances Rosebro, their candidate from Jefferson high school, a good citizenship pilgrimage pin.

Mrs. C. R. Vaughan wil attend the coming continental congress in Washington this month, as a delegate from the chapter.

2 Apr '38

# Mrs. Rowbotham Elected Vice-President of D. A. R.

Apr 22, 1938

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP). —Mrs. Henry M. Robert, Jr., of Annapolis, Md., new president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, said today she would devote her energies to improving the organization's service to the country.

Mrs. Robert will serve three years, her term expiring in the organization's fiftieth anniversary year. She was elected without opposition last night to succeed Mrs. William A. Becker of New Jersey.

Delegates chose the following vice presidents general:

Mrs. Clarence Henry Adams, of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Val Taylor, of Uniontown, Ala.; Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham of Altavista, Va.; Mrs. Chester Samuel McMartin of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Robert K. Arnold, of Versailles, Ky.; Mrs. H. D. Sheperd of Hanover, Pa.; Mrs. Charles C. Craig of Washington; and Mrs. Victor Abbott Binford of Roxbury, Maine.

## Hear Roosevelt

Convention delegates visited Mount Vernon today. Yesterday they heard, and cheered, President Roosevelt after an informal speech.

The president, making his first visit to a D. A. R. congress, asked the delegates to "remember that all of us, you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists."

The "younger generation that is going to be more American than

we are," he said, must be taught the "reasons that brought our immigrant ancestors to this country, the reasons that compelled our revolutionary ancestors to throw off a Fascist yoke."

He assured the congress that the government "is taking definite, practical steps for the defense of the nation." A few hours before, delegates had endorsed his naval expansion program.

Mr. Roosevelt, appearing after a series of convention speakers had charged there is a modern trend away from the nation's heritage, stressed the importance of what is being done in this generation "to keep alive the spirit of American democracy, the spirit of opportunity."

The president spoke to the delegates as a fellow Revolutionary descendant. Ancestors on both sides of his family, he said, were in this land in 1776, "and there was only one tory among them."

During her regime as State regent there was published a "Virginia State Roster," a compendium of all Virginia Daughters with their revolutionary ancestors, their service and other data.

Four new chapters were organized in Virginia during her three years service as regent, with another in process of organization. Active memberships increased 760 members, giving the State 81 chapters with 4,043 members.

# Grave Of Andrew Lewis

McCauley's "History of Roanoke County" Describes Reinterment of Remains of American Revolutionary Hero. 18 Jun 1938

"The remains of General Lewis were, immediately after his death, taken to his home and interred on his farm "Richfield." The grave was on an eminence overlooking the beautiful valley for miles around. For many years the fence originally enclosing it had disappeared and the identity of the spot might have been lost but for the thoughtful care of Frederick Johnston, Esq., of Salem. The grave had been pointed out to him by Col. Elijah McClanahan, who when a young man was present at his burial. He was then an old man, and probably the last surviving witness on that occasion. Mr. Johnston then placed large boulder stones at the head and foot of the grave, on one of which he marked with paint the name, and on the other, the initials of General Lewis.

"After the lapse of nearly 116 years, steps were taken to bestow upon the last resting place of the dead hero the attention and care due to his honored memory. It was determined to remove his remains to East Hill cemetery, of Salem. This was done under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The following account of the reinterment appeared at the time in one of the town papers:

"In 1895 a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in Roanoke City, and chartered by the name of "Margaret Lynn-Lewis Chapter," in honor of the mother of Gen. Andrew Lewis. Soon after this organization, it was determined to suitably mark the grave of General Lewis, and devote themselves to the erection of a monument to his memory. To this end, Col. Thomas Lewis was directed by them to confer with the trustees of Salem Cemetery, and ask them to donate a suitable lot to which his remains might be removed; to which they readily consented, and selected the center of the large circle in the cemetery (which was a part of General Lewis' farm at the time of his death.) Acting on this donation of the trustees, the chapter directed Colonel Lewis to disinter the remains and remove them to the spot donated. Accordingly, on the 2nd of April (1897), the long neglected grave was opened by Undertaker John M. Oakey, in the presence of William McCauley, Esq., of Salem (to whom the spot had been pointed out by Mr. Johnston), and Col. Lewis. The bones were found in a perfect state of preservation, by the side of his youngest son, Charles. His remains, together with those of his son, were re-interred on the spot designated by the trustees at noon on Monday, the 5th of April, in the presence of the regent and a committee of ladies of the chapter, and a few friends, with suitable religious services conducted by Rev. Dr. J. B. Taylor."

—Extract from McCauley's History of Roanoke County.

# THE SOUTHWEST CORNER

By GOODRIDGE WILSON 21 Aug 1938

Route 311 from Salem to Old Sweet Springs, crossing the Blue Grass Trail at Newcastle, is one of the newest and, from the standpoint of scenic and historic interest, one of the greatest of Southwest Virginia's paved highways. Crossing lofty mountains and lovely valleys, it affords a continuous succession of inspiring scenes. From Salem it goes over a gap in Fort Lewis Mountain to Mason Creek, winds up the course of that fine stream with its summer camps, across its valley, up Catawba Mountain's precipitous sides by steeply winding curves, down into and across the narrow Catawba Valley, over another mountain to Craig Creek, down Craig Creek to Newcastle, up John's Creek across John's, Potts, and Peters Mountains, to drop down from a thirty four hundred foot elevation into beautiful blue grass Sweet Springs Valley just over the West Virginia line.

It might well be called the Old Summer Resort trail. Craig Healing Springs is just off its center; White Sulphur and Hot Springs are on its northward connections; the Blue Grass Trail when finished will give it a direct hard surface connection with Mountain Lake; it passes close to Catawba Sanitarium, formerly the Roanoke Red Sulphur; its southern end is at Salem, itself a former summer resort of no mean reputation, and there it connects with roads that lead in one direction to Blue Ridge Springs, and in the other to Alleghany and Crockett Springs and other old Montgomery county resorts; beyond Peters Mountain to the north it leads to a nest of old resorts in Monroe, the Old Sweet, the Sweet Chalybeate, the Salt Sulphur, the Red Sulphur and the Gray Sulphur.

Old Sweet Springs is the oldest of these, with the possible exception of the Hot Springs, and in its day was one of the most famous of American resorts. It is no longer operated as a resort, but its fine old brick buildings are beautiful memorials of its glamorous days. They are said to be among the best examples of Georgian architecture in the United States; tradition asserts that Thomas Jefferson was their chief architect, but I have no means of verifying that tradition. George Washington was a guest there in 1797. Franklin Pierce and Millard Filmore were also guests of the Old Sweet, and perhaps other presidents of the United States. Jerome Bonaparte, a brother of Napoleon, is said to have wooed and won there his bride, Elizabeth Patterson. But, lacking the traits of character shown by Edward, Duke of Windsor, under somewhat similar circumstances in more recent times, this European royalist divorced his American wife at the command of his imperial brother. John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, and Henry A. Wise are other historical figures recorded as seeking restful vacations at this old resort. There were doubtless numerous others, as patrons of wealth and distinction from every state of the Union and from foreign lands were coming to the Old Sweet over a period of more than a hundred years before the changes of modern times turned the flow of patronage away from this secluded resort in an obscure but lovely mountain valley.

I suggested that this section of highway might well be called the Old Summer Resort Trail. It might also be appropriately named the Lewis Highway, as two brothers of the famous frontier Lewis family lived at the ends of it. General Andrew Lewis had his home at Salem; his brother William Lewis, called "the Civilizer of the Border," lived and died at Old Sweet Springs, and founded the resort. The Lewises, ever active in searching out and acquiring the most desirable land, early located these choice tracts on the Roanoke and in the Sweet Springs Valley, and received a patent for the latter in 1774. At the close of the Revolutionary War, in 1782, William Lewis went there to live, and very soon afterwards began to develop the place as a health resort. The first resort building was a log house called the wigwam, and may possibly have been a pioneer cabin built near the

mineral spring about 1760 by one James Moss, the first settler. Moss did not hold title to the land and whatever he may have held was secured by Lewis. By 1792 the first hotel was in operation. William Lewis had his home about a half mile up the valley from the Springs, where a fine brick mansion called "Lynnside" still stands. This house was built in the eighteen forties by William's grandson, a son of Major John Lewis who fought with Washington in the Continental Army and had the reputation of being the strongest man, physically, in Virginia at a time when men of great physical strength were the rule rather than the exception. The Lewis men of those days were all noted for their splendid physique. The fact that William Lewis's mother was a daughter of the Laird of Loch Lynn may have had something to do with naming the home Lynnside. In 1852 the resort property passed out of the Lewis family into the hands of a company. Two of the incorporators of this company were Allan T. Caperton, later a United States senator, and John Echols, who was to become a Major-General in the Confederate Army.

Years after the demise of the post Civil War Ku Klux Klan and years before the birth of the post World War organization of the same name a tragedy occurred at the Old Sweet Springs, through an unfortunate and strictly local Ku Klux revival. It seems that a man named John F. Wiley had scandalized the community by the nature of his attentions to the wife of a popular and respected citizen. Some hot blooded young men determined to show their disapproval of the affair by riding Mr. Wiley on a rail, and to make the demonstration more impressive they decided to use the Ku Klux Klan technique. Some ladies fell in with the adventure and made robes. At a given hour one night the "Klan" assembled in their improvised regalia and set out to take possession of the person of Mr. Wiley. Two young men, Floyd Beckner and Carey Woodville, were deputed to call Wiley out of the house. He came out at their summons, but, evidently suspecting that something was afoot, he came armed. At the demand that he throw up his hands he fired on the two white robed figures, killing Beckner instantly and inflicting a severe scalp wound upon Woodville. This tragic turn to the episode threw the valley into a fever of excitement with feeling running strong against Wiley. There was much sentiment for lynching him, but cooler heads prevailed and no further tragedy ensued.

This highway is new as to its modernized state, but it is an old road. A section of it was started in 1774 when "Edward Carbin, Moses Higgenbotham, John Hanley, Henry Smith and Solomon Tirpen were appointed to view the several ways from Robert Caldwell's on Craig Creek Mountain to the Sweet Springs." Hunter's Army fled over it into the mountains of West Virginia during the War Between The States, and was attacked in a rear guard action at Hanging Rock.

Governor John Floyd, whose home was at Pulaski, died at the Old Sweet and is buried there. His oldest daughter, Letitia Preston Floyd, was the second wife of William L. Lewis, a grandson of the original William. The couple lived at Lynnside. The equestrian statue of Washington with the standing figures grouped around it in the Capitol Square at Richmond was erected in the administration of one of the Floyd governors. William L. Lewis posed as the model for the statue of his great uncle, General Andrew Lewis, in that imposing group. He wore the long hunting shirt and other frontier equipment to give the border coloring, which caused some adverse criticism among the Lewis family connection, who maintained that General Andrew Lewis and all others of the clan were meticulous in their dress, and that he should have been posed in his general's uniform. I, for one, am glad that the statue wears a hunting shirt.

# Mrs. Coxe Heard By D. A. R. Group

Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held its regular meeting in the Pine Room at Hotel Roanoke Friday afternoon.

Mrs. A. S. Payne, chairman of genealogical records, collected unpublished records of historical interest belonging to members, which will be bound in a single volume and sent to the D. A. R. library in Washington. Among these documents were old letters and land grants.

Mrs. Whitwell W. Coxe, pianist, presented a program of American music which included several compositions by Nathaniel Dett, others by David Guion, and an arrangement by Carl Deis.

B. F. Moomaw, secretary of the chamber of commerce, outlined the growth and development of business in Roanoke.

At the next meeting delegates and alternates to the State D. A. R. conference which will be held in Charlottesville, March 21 to 23, and to the National D. A. R. congress which will be held in Washington April 17 to 21.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Felix K. Parker, Mrs. Lawrence Davis, Miss Nell Rorer, Miss Julia Carson, Mrs. C. J. Shoaf and Mrs. Robert Cochrane.

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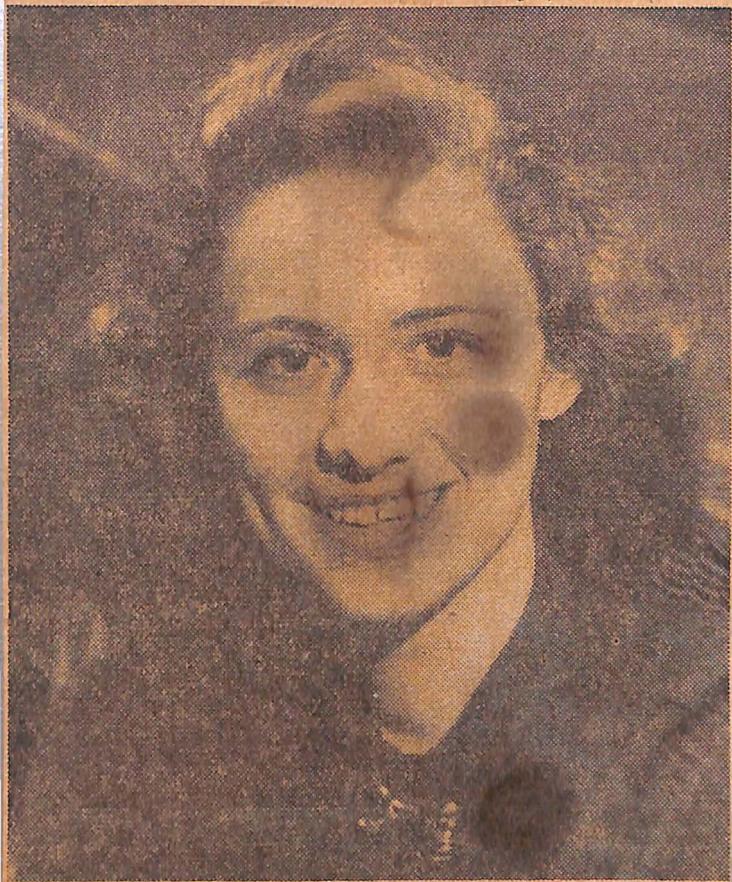
## *Ideal Student*



Named as the ideal Virginia girl student by the State conference of Daughters of the American Revolution at Charlottesville today was Miss Peggy Hurt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George S. Hurt and a senior at Jefferson high school. Miss Hurt was sponsored by the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter of the D. A. R. and will attend the national D. A. R. conference in Washington the week of April 19.

# May Have D. A. R. Trip

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Miss Peggy Hurt, Jefferson high school student, has been chosen this year as a candidate for the D. A. R. good citizenship pilgrimage award. The contest is sponsored by the Margaret Lynn chapter, and the winner from the State of Virginia will go to Washington at the time of the D. A. R. congress in April. Miss Hurt is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George S. Hurt.



5 Oct 1939

# Five D. A. R. Chapters To Give Tea November 3

Mrs. C. A. Swann Sinclair

To Speak on Historic Shrines

The five Roanoke and Salem units of the Daughters of the American Revolution—the Nancy Christian Fleming, the Col. William Preston, and the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapters of the D. A. R. of Roanoke, the Fort Lewis chapter of the D. A. R., of Salem, and the Mill Mountain chapter of the Children of the American Revolution—will entertain at tea on the afternoon of Friday, November 3, at the Patrick Henry hotel. The occasion will be an "Historic Shrines of Virginia" program, with a talk on that subject by Mrs. C. A. Swann Sinclair, of Alexandria, illustrated by a series of "living pictures" to be presented by the various host chapters. The pictures will represent scenes at such well-known Virginia places as Mt. Vernon, Kenmore, Montecello, Gadsby's Tavern, and the Moore House at Yorktown.

Another guest of honor will be Mrs. John Morrison Kerr, of Washington, national president of the C. A. R. Both visitors will stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baskerville, while they are in Roanoke.

Mrs. W. F. Genheimer, State president of the C. A. R., will be in charge of the afternoon's program, which will precede the tea. The affair is open to the public and a silver offering will be taken. The regents of the various chapters are working on the arrangements.

# Roanoke Girl Ideal Student

## Miss Corrinne Hurt Picked by State D. A. R. — Will Go to National Meeting

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. March 22 (AP).—The forty-third annual State conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution went into its second day here this morning with an address by State Forester Fred C. Pederson, reports by State Officers and chairmen of national committees and elections by the State officer's club.

Named by the Officer's club were: President, Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham of Altavista, vice president, Mrs. Lloyd Bell of Suffolk; treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Porter of Richmond. Retaining their offices were Mrs. Laird Conrad of Harrisonburg, secretary, and Mrs. A. V. Shea of Richmond, chaplain.

### Urges Conservation

Pederson said "we have definitely reached the stage where unchecked exploitation of our forest resources should be stopped and this policy replaced by a program of conservation and long-range or long-time planning."

Pointing out that the principal forest and wood-using industries in Virginia outrank all other single industrial enterprises except agriculture, Pederson urged that arrangements be made to adequately protect our forest land from its greatest enemy—fire—and to induce timberland owners to practice a few elementary principles of applied forestry.

Forestry in Virginia is concerned with a major land problem, Pederson asserted—that of keeping productive more than three fifths of the total land surface of the State in order to permanently supply pulp and paper mills, furniture plants, sawmills and other types of forest and wood-using industries with necessary raw materials.

This afternoon delegates will motor up to Monticello to place a cross on the tomb of Jefferson and will also visit "Ash Lawn."

### Roanoker Selected

Miss Corrinne Lockett Hurt of Roanoke was named the ideal Virginia girl student and selected to attend the National Daughters of the American Revolution conference in Washington the week of April 19. She is sponsored by the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter.

Two alternates were chosen: Miss Anne Duane, Stony Creek, sponsored by the Frances Bland Randolph chapter; and Miss Lillian D. Agnew, Burksville, from the James Allen chapter.

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## to Be Speaker

D. A. R. Chapters Plan  
Unique Program

A PROGRAM of historic interest to be given at Hotel Patrick Henry Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock is being arranged by the D. A. R. and C. A. R. chapters of this vicinity. The public is invited to the program and also to the tea which will be given immediately afterward.

Mrs. C. A. Swann Sinclair, of Alexandria, who is state regent of the D. A. R. organization, will speak on "Historic Shrines in Virginia." During her address various tableaux representing the subject on which she is speaking, will be presented. The Nancy Christian Fleming chapter will present a tableau on Mount Vernon with Miss Alice Trout and Jack Dille as Martha and George Washington. Mrs. Hugh Trout, regent of the chapter, has charge of the set.

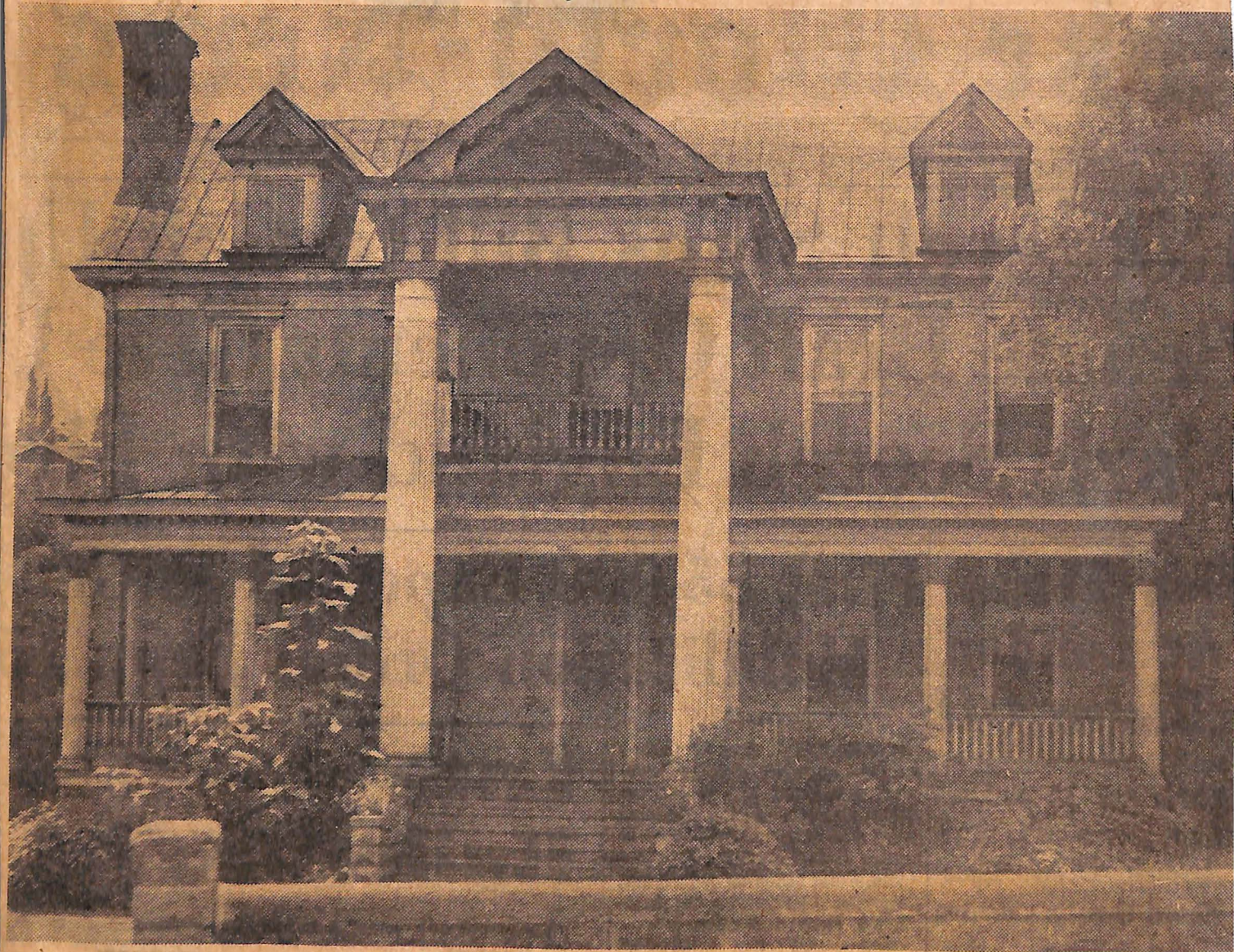
The Fort Lewis chapter of Salem will arrange a scene depicting the D. A. R. celebration held each year at Yorktown as Mrs. Sinclair tells of the Moore house and custom house which featured in Revolutionary history there. The tableau will be under the supervision of Mrs. Everett Repass, chapter regent. Mrs. W. P. Norris and Mrs. Robert Lynn, of Salem. Miss Mary Alice Woods will impersonate the state regent in the ceremony.

A scene from Monticello will be shown by the Colonel William Preston chapter as Mrs. Sinclair tells of the preservation of Jefferson's old home. Mrs. Howard Hannabass, chapter regent. Mrs. MacAllister Barbour, Mrs. Julian Farmer and Mrs. Kyle Montague are in charge of arrangements. Miss Mary Elizabeth Barbour and Howard Hannabass will be characters in the tableau.

The Mill Mountain chapter, C. A. R., will give the setting of "Kenmore," home of Washington's sister, as described briefly by Mrs. Sinclair. Mrs. W. F. Genheimer, state C. A. R. president, and Mrs. Tate Greer will have charge of the presentation. Those taking part are Andy Lee Roberts as George Washington, Miss Sara Shaw Genheimer as Mary Washington, Miss Frances Whitefield as Betty Washington Lewis, Mary Virginia Hutson as the young daughter of Mrs. Lewis, and Emmeline, the old mammy.

The Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter will show a scene in the ballroom at Gadsby's Tavern which is now being restored by the Virginia Daughters. Miss Mary Penn and Mrs. Robert [unclear], chapter regent, are in charge of the setting, assisted by pupils from the Roberta Shaffer school of dancing, Miss Margery Moore and Miss Betty Morrison, with Mrs. E. E. Graham at the piano.

*'Solitude,' as It Looks Today, Was Built in 1830 on Land Grant*



This is "Solitude," one of the oldest houses in Roanoke, as it appears today. This was originally the back of the house, which was remodelled in 1905. "Solitude" was built in 1830, by the grandson of the man to whom the land was granted in 1742.

# House's Owners in 110 Years Numerous

*'Solitude,' Built on Trading Post Site, Is Now in Business Zone; Land Grant Given Erwin Patterson in 1742; Gwaltney Residence Has Brick Walls 18 Inches Thick; 11-Foot Ceilings*

By DOROTHY COULTER

In Virginia Heights there stands a house 110 years old, built on land belonging to a grant made to the grandfather of the builder 88 years before. On the grant lived six generations of the original settler's family before the property passed into other hands when the Big Lick boom broke here in 1889.

The house is "Solitude." Owner and resident for the past 30 years has been W. W. Gwaltney. Between 1889 and the date when he purchased it, the historic old place belonged to four other owners. Located at 502 Virginia avenue, it is now in the Virginia Heights business zone, and the property may be sold soon for business purposes.

But this projected ending for one of the great houses of Southwest Virginia, whose acres once encompassed a large part of the territory that today is the City of Roanoke, is not as unseemly as might at first be thought. For "Solitude" itself was built on the site of a log house that was one of the first trading posts in this part of Virginia. Erwin Patterson, to whom the land was granted, was one of the two first merchants in this section, the other being Israel Christian, of Fincastle.

#### Fell in Love With Princess

In 1742 Erwin Patterson came here from Lunenburg county, and established a trading post on a grant given him by King George III. His trade was largely with the Indians. Legend has it that his death was due to trade difficulties, and to his persistence, as a widower, in courting an Indian princess with whom he had fallen in love. At any rate, he perished in a massacre.

The property descended to his daughter, Margaret, who was wed to George Hannah, of Tennessee. In 1775 George Hannah received a grant of 300 acres, which he added to the Patterson grant. George and Margaret had one son, Patterson Hannah, and it was he who in 1830 tore down the log house and built the great brick house.

"Solitude" was built to front south, the opposite direction from that it now faces. Before it stretched a lawn with a stream running through it. The house was strongly built, with walls 18 inches thick of solid brick baked on the place. The four rooms measured 20 by 20 feet each, and the ceilings were 11 feet high. Across the front of the house ran a wide veranda.

"Solitude's" acres were broad. The land on which the Ponce de Leon hotel now stands was a part of the estate. The overseer's house was where the First Baptist church now stands. Mrs. Lawrence S. Davis, great-granddaughter of Patterson Hannah, says that there was a pond on the site of the present Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone company building.

#### Had Private Racetrack

Patterson Hannah knew how to enjoy life. He had a private racetrack (where Evergreen cemetery is today laid out) and a stableful of race horses. He drank Tokay and Chartreuse. Fond of music, he had darkies play for him, on banjo and fiddle, at mealtimes. These things Mrs. Davis has been told of her great-grandfather.

Patterson Hannah also had one child, Julia Anne, who inherited the property. She was married to Ferdinand Rorer, of Pittsylvania county, who is believed to have become master of "Solitude" about 1845. He was a notable pioneer of Roanoke.

Son of Julia Anne and Ferdinand was Patterson Hannah Rorer. He married Miss Nannie McClanahan, daughter of Colonel Elijah McClanahan. They were the parents of Mrs. Davis. For a few years during her childhood, she lived at "Solitude", and remembers the lawn and its stream. She also remembers that there was no bridge across the Roanoke river, and that when the river was up, "Solitude" was well named. The ford was where Memorial bridge now stands. Mrs. Davis has one sad recollection of this ford.

An old negro retainer of the family, Uncle Charles, was sent to town on horseback on Christmas Eve to bring out the presents for the children. He had one drink too many along the way, and coming home across the ford, fell off his horse, losing every single present. Mrs. Davis' father, Patterson Rorer, wracked his brain for substitutes, and finally remembered a brood of bantam chicks at the overseer's house. On Christmas morning the children woke to find a row of banties perched on the footboard of their bed. That was all they got until much later in the day, when relatives, hearing of their plight, came to the rescue. "The presents poured in," Mrs. Davis recalls.

Patterson Hannah Rorer, who lived until 1936, was destined never to inherit "Solitude," for his father lost it when the Big Lick boom burst in 1889, and Mrs. Davis was reared at the home of her maternal grandfather, Colonel McClanahan.

The property belonged from 1889 to 1905 to B. P. Huff and J. Ross Cook, who operated it as a dairy farm. Mr. Gwaltney recalls that the big dairy barn of those days was located at what is now the corner of Denniston and Virginia avenues. This was one of the first dairies around Roanoke.

#### Woodrum Turns Back Into Front

In 1905 Colonel R. H. Woodrum, father of Congressman Clifton A. Woodrum, bought "Solitude." He remodeled it, making the original back of the house the front by adding the portico and pillars shown in the accompanying picture, and the wooden ell of four rooms. He also cement coated the front of the house. He kept the property only two years, selling it to a Mr. Webster, who in turn sold it in 1909 to the Keystone Land company, owned by Joseph and Ballard Bandy. Mr. Gwaltney bought it from them in March, 1910, and has lived in it ever since. His father, J. W. Gwaltney, lone surviving Confederate veteran of Roanoke, occupies one of the downstairs rooms in the original part of the house. The other is used as the living room. Mr. Gwaltney and his brother, C. S. Gwaltney, occupy the two upstairs bedrooms in the old part of the house.

"Yes, I suppose I'll sell the place," Mr. Gwaltney says. "It's too valuable to keep as a residence now." And so the old trading post site will probably once again become business property.

Incidentally, Mrs. Lawrence Davis, last descendant of Erwin Patterson to live at "Solitude," has always lived on a land grant. Her grandfather McClanahan's home stood on a grant of 3,000 acres made in 1780 to Colonel William McClanahan by King George III. This grant included Crystal Spring.

#### "Lone Oak" Built in 1767.

Her present home, "Lone Oak," 1525 Franklin Road, was built by Colonel James Tosh in 1767, on a grant of more than 1,000 acres made to him in 1747 by King George III. This is the oldest house in Roanoke. These three grants practically covered what is today Roanoke. The Tosh grant included Elmwood Park and extended nearly to Fincastle.

Another large land grant in these parts was the Neely grant. Colonel William McClanahan wed Miss Sarah Neely, daughter of Captain James Neely, who owned the land on which the Veterans Administration Facility now stands. This was part of a grant of 10,000 acres, extending to McAfee's Knob, made to him and his brother, Dr. John Neely. Captain James Neely built the house known as the Parrott house, now used as apartments by the Facility doctors.

When owned by the Toshes, "Lone Oak" was called "Rock of Ages." The Lewis family changed the name to "Big Oaks," and Mrs. Davis changed it again, to "Lone Oak."



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## D. A. R. Chapter Will Dedicate Grave Markers

Markers at the grave sites of a Revolutionary soldier, Esom Hannan, and his wife, Mary, will be dedicated by the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on Wednesday afternoon.

There will be a brief service at the graves near Cave Spring, conducted by Mrs. J. B. Preston, state chaplain, D. A. R.; Miss Julia Leache, chapter historian, and Mrs. Robert Cochrane, regent.

Members of all D. A. R. chapters and others interested are invited to the ceremony. Those who attend will meet at the First Presbyterian church on McClanahan place at 2 o'clock to proceed from there to the place of dedication.

In the event of bad weather the service will be postponed until Friday at the same hour. Further details may be had by calling Mrs. Cochrane.

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The Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, conducted a service yesterday afternoon dedicating tablets at the graves of Esom Hannan and his wife, Mary.

There was a large gathering of D. A. R. members present for the ceremony which took place near Cave Spring. Mrs. J. B. Preston, State chaplain, and Mrs. Robert

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Cochrane, chapter regent, read the dedicatory ritual. Miss Julia Leache, chapter historian, gave a sketch of Esom Hannan, compiled by one of his descendants, Mrs. Immogene Hannan Brown of Indianapolis.

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Roanoke Times  
Nov 1, 1938



To the members of Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter D.A.R.:

I wish to convey to you, Daughters of the American Revolution, the gratitude of our Hannan family, for the inspiring work you are completing today, with this Dedicatory service. It is to this group, I pay tribute when I quote; " It is vision without intelligence that sees only the present, and takes no cognizance of its being part of the past or of the Future.

It is vision without discernment that, looking backward, does not recognize the foundation upon which the homes of our nation are built; foundation composed of courage, loyalty and eternal hope.

It is vision without grace that, discerning this truth, is not quickened to a profound gratitude and an inborn sense that we repay our debt to the past, only, by building with joy for the future.

May our vision of the past bring to us gratitude, from which there shall be born into our lives, inspiration of such measure that those coming after us, may, in looking backward, receive from their vision, renewed strength for a higher and nobler life. "

You have had vision and discernment and have given to us the inspiration to carry on in a higher, nobler way.

Esom Hannan was born in Frederick County, Virginia in 1752 . He was a son of adventurous parents and grew up in that rugged part and again caught the vision a new home farther west. By 1779 he had purchased

his own land in the then Botetourt County Virginia , but which locality was and is the locality near Cave Spring in the present County of Roanoke.

So from 1779 until his death in 1843 he toiled and lived within sight of this little cemetery. The ground here, was part of his lands.

Here he brought his bride in September 1783. They were blessed with a family, three girls and six boys. Here they reared this family and from here each and every child married and set forth upon their life's journey.

The same courageous and adventurouse spirit filled these children, that had filled Esom Hannan, and they set their faces toward the setting sun and went on westward; some to Ohio, and some to Missouri.

No doubt if he could have had his way, he would have kept them all around him here, as is shown by his deeding to each son, a parcel of land in 1830.

He must have been a God fearing man, for in his will, the first commitment is, " I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth."

He has left us a heritage worthy of preservation. We join with Edgar Guest in the following thought; There was a garden where he played, which his father proudly kept.

There was a room with the treasured things and the bed on which he slept.

He had known the best of his father's gifts and the best  
of his father's pride.

And that house with all of its memories became his when  
his father died.

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Well, this land we love is the home we got from our  
fathers long ago.

'Twas a glorious land when they passed it down. God grant  
we may keep it so.

Inscriptions on Tombstones  
at Fincastle.

(1) Sacred to the memory of  
Col. Mathew Harvey  
who departed this life  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1826  
Aged 62 years."

Probably  
Mar 1812

(2) "M. Magdalene Harvey  
Consort of the late  
Col. Mathew Harvey  
Born 24<sup>th</sup> July 1775  
Departed this life on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1845."

(3) "Here lies  
in the full hope of a  
glorious resurrection  
the earthly remains of  
Col. William Anderson

Mar 1812

Born June 2, 1764  
And departed this life  
Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1839.

At Fincastle

(4)

Morris Hickok

a soldier of the War of 1812

Born in Amherst Co., Va.

Feb. 5, 1795

Died May 5, 1873.

(5)

George Layman (Lemmons)

Born June 1760 died June 1854

married 1785.

Buried in Lemontown Cemetery

Botetourt Co., Va.

I don't know who is  
for this inscription

At Fincastle

(6)

Died on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June

1836 at her residence in Fincastle

in the 39<sup>th</sup> year of her age

Mary Sophia Woodrille

Daughter of Capt. John Lewis

late of Sweet Springs -

Her death is deeply lamented by many friends  
But the greatness of her loss is felt at home by a  
husband & only son.

There indeed it must be felt, without mitigation  
without measure.

Markers Erected by the Margaret Lynn Lewis  
Chapter D. A. R. of Roanoke, Virginia.

Monument to

General Andrew Lewis in East Hill  
County, Salem, Virginia.

Inscription on South side

"General Andrew Lewis

1716 - 1791

Brave - Patriot

Hero of the Battle of Point Pleasant, which  
was the most closely contested of any battles  
ever fought with the Northwestern Indians. It  
was the opening act in the drama, when the  
closing scene was played at Yorktown.

Lewis "

Inscription on South side.

"Erected by the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter  
Daughters of the American Revolution

1902."

(2.) Marker in Memory of the World War  
Veterans of Roanoke, Virginia, at Argonne  
Circle, Roanoke City.

Inscriptions on bronze tablet on  
granite.

"In honor of the Roanoke soldiers who  
served in the World War."

"Dedicated by the Margaret Lyman Lewis  
Chapter D. A. R. Nov. 11, 1920 -  
Table placed 1930."

(3) A marker near the grave of Agatha Stroter Lewis, wife of Elijah McClanahan situated near Kettle Brook farm, on the western boundary of Knoxville City, Tenn.

Inscription

"On the knoll to the northeast, is the grave of Agatha Stroter Lewis, wife of Elijah McClanahan, daughter of Colonel Andrew Lewis & grand daughter of General Andrew Lewis. Born Dec. 15, 1777, Died June 14, 1852; also the grave of Colonel Elijah McClanahan her husband Born April 20, 1770, Died Dec. 1, 1857."  
 (1857) monument.

we



(4)

A Plaque was unveiled in the  
Presbyterian church, at Salem, to the  
memory of Frances Shaker Burwell  
Harvey, daughter of Nathaniel Burwell,  
a Commander of Artillery in the Revolution-  
ary War.

(5.) A stone was placed at the grave of  
Maria A. Hambrick, Grand daughter  
of Patrick Henry, who is buried in  
the City Cemetery of Roanoke, Virginia.

Inscription

"Maria A. Hambrick  
Grand daughter of  
Patrick Henry  
1833 - 1900"

Erected by the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter D. D. L.

"Honor to whom honor is due"

(6)

A marker for a Revolutionary soldier was placed in the Greenwood Cemetery, at Cave Spring in March 1938 & was dedicated Nov. 2, 1938.

### Inscription

"Esom Hamman Pvt., Lemay's Sa. Co.  
Rev. soldier died Mar. 20, 1843.

↓ (7.)  
1938

Tombstone of Esom Hamman's wife, who was also buried in the Greenwood Cemetery at Cave Spring, was restored by the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter & was in good condition at the time of the dedication of the Esom Hamman's Marker.

The old inscription on Mary Hamman's grave reads as follows:—

"(In) Memory

Mary F. Hamman

who departed this life the — day of May, 1846 in the  
year of her age."

8.

On Ferdinand Ave., Roanoke, Va. near the site of the tree under which George Washington rested - possibly spent the night, are planted two Pin Oaks to the memory of George Washington & Martha Washington his wife. A small granite monument contains the legend that

The oaks were planted in honor of George & Martha Washington by Mrs. Margaret Lynn Lewis Chaplin D. A. R.  
February 22. 1932.



The Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter  
Daughters of the American Revolution

presents the name of

Mrs. Joe Bertram Preston

for the office of State Chaplain



Mrs. Preston has been a member of this society for a number of years  
and has served her Chapter as Recording Secretary and Regent.

Your support of her is earnestly solicited in the regular  
election of state officers, March, 1938



The Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution

sent Chapter and the endorsement  
to Mrs. White, Cricket Hill Chapter, Matthews, Ga.  
by unanimous vote have the honor to present

**Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham** April 13.

As a Candidate

for the office of Vice-President General at the  
Forty-seventh Continental Congress, April 1938

Mrs. Rowbotham has given many years of valuable service to the Society as: Chapter Historian, Corresponding Secretary, Regent, Organizing Regent, Honorary Regent; and to the State Organization as: Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and State Regent. She served as State Chairman of the National Committee of Conservation and Thrift for seven years, and as Vice-Chairman of the National Memorial Pilgrimage Committee for three years, and is a member of the National Officers Club. Wide experience, constructive service, enthusiasm, loyalty, and proven executive ability, qualify her for this high office.

WE ASK YOUR ENDORSEMENT OF OUR CANDIDATE.

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Day." Many Americans  
were there.

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*Cover Design:* Udolpho Sarah Phillips wearing the wedding dress of her great-great-grandmother, Katherine Rosana. (For detailed description, see Contributors, Collaborators, and Critics, page 110.)

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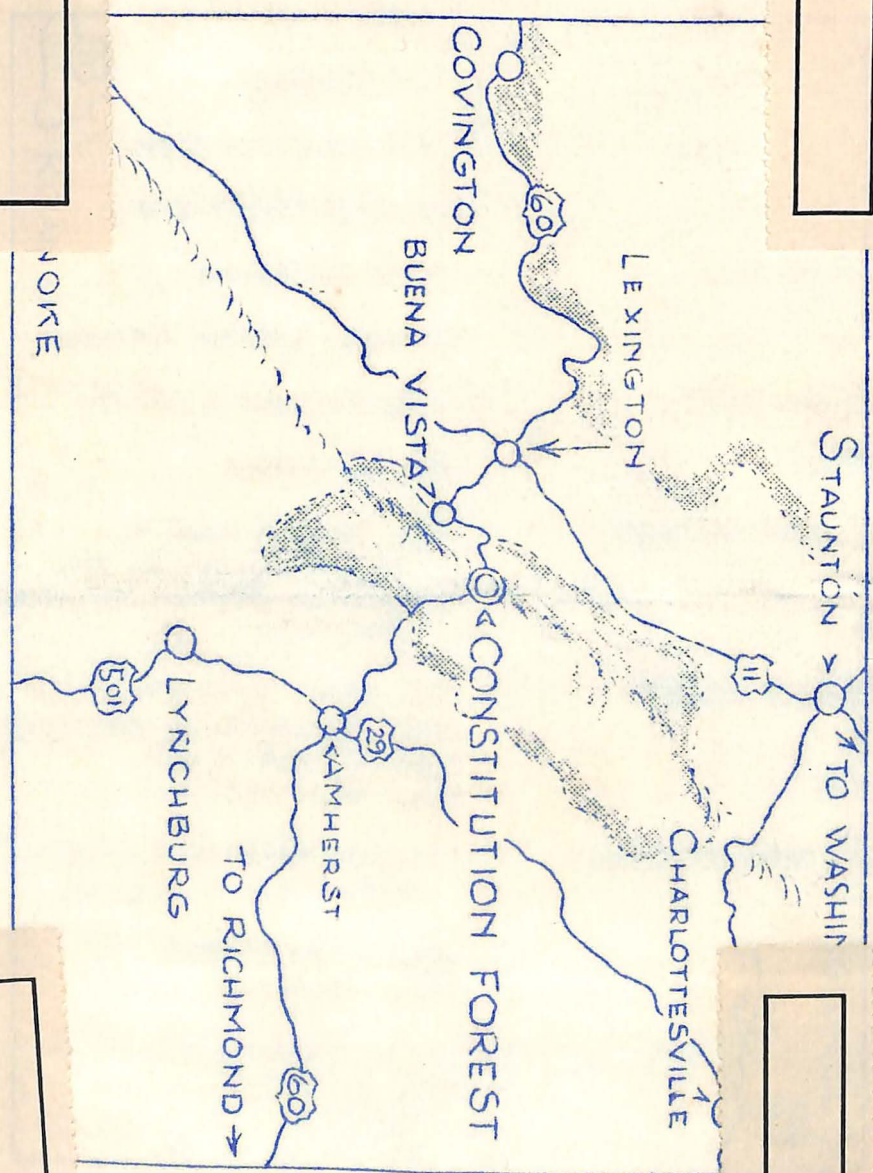
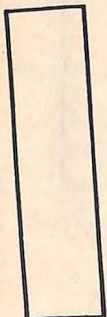
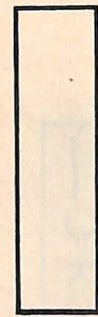
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MRS. WILLIAM RUSSELL MAGNA  
*The President General*

It is a genuine pleasure to send a word of greeting and encouragement to the first Virginia Bulletin.

Our Society is a great force for good, a power as a builder of affirmative thought. Through closer co-operation with the Children of the American Revolution, also through our Clubs, such as Sons and Daughters of the U. S. A., and Girl Home Makers, citizenship training, etc., we are promoting intelligent education. There are many kinds, but only education which will produce results in character building is worth while or worthy of our patriotic Society. It then follows that patriotic education for the many ramifications of national defense needs study programs in and speakers on government, civics and international law in order that women can know whereof they speak and be fully aware of what they are advocating or not advocating.

The security of America and protection of her citizens, together with the continuance of our form of government, depend on intelligent voting whenever and wherever ballots are used. Hence individual education is a national necessity. To curtail education is fatalistic to national security.

America needs mental as well as physical training.

My best wishes are with each individual member for the coming year. Each is a committee of one to make her chapter a success.

MRS. NATHANIEL BEAMAN  
*Vice-President General*

I am asked to give you a message in this first Virginia Bulletin, made possible by the generosity of our State Regent, Mrs. Keesee. No words could be more fitting than the sincere wish of my heart that we shall go forth in Virginia to meet the problems and difficulties which confront our generation, with the same faith, courage and intrepid spirit that was shown by our forefathers. I believe that we are forging the links of our chain

of service so well that in time to come the fruit of our work will be recognized by all America. The restoration of records will benefit the whole country, not Virginia alone.

And now, as the representative in the State of The Memory Book of Constitution Hall, I ask for your old gold, that the clasp and corners for the cover may be as beautiful and enduring as artistic work and loving gifts can make the book.

MRS. ELEANOR WASHINGTON  
HOWARD  
*Past Vice-President General  
Honorary State Regent*

May I again express my thanks with my love to the D. A. R. of dear old Virginia for their wonderful thought of me. I wish so often I could be with you once again renewing my contact with the old friends and winning the friendship of all the younger ones who are so faithfully carrying on the work far beyond our dreams in the years agone.

MRS. BENJAMIN L. PURCELL  
*Past Vice-President General*

What a wonderful thing our State Regent is doing in making it possible for us to have a State Bulletin so that each Chapter may know just what her Sister Chapters are doing. Nothing encourages us so much as a friendly rivalry, and when we are impressed with the friendly activities of one locality we naturally want to do as well, or better. So I believe that this Bulletin will be of great benefit to us all.

Having been in active service of the N. S., D. A. R. for more than forty years, and having watched the development, both National and State, I am more and more impressed with the marvellous things that have been undertaken and accomplished. I wish that a concise history of the organization could be had and read by each member, for it would be such a revelation of

achievement as is rarely met in these times.

If I were much younger I would like to record my own personal activities, for they have been most interesting. I began as Chapter Secretary and went on to Vice-President General, and then back to a "private in the ranks," and each step seemed more worth while than its predecessor.

I am so glad to add my word of thanks to our State Regent for this new evidence of her interest in, and love for her many Daughters, and to wish her all success in her work, and long life and happiness.

MISS ALETHEA SERPELL  
*Past Vice-President General  
Honorary State Regent*

Greetings to the Virginia D. A. R.—a message of hope and good cheer in this year of depression, 1934. May we leave depression forever, and carry on as in the past and continue the good work in commemorating the glorious deeds of our forefathers, in marking historic spots, in caring for the youth of today, and in restoring the priceless records of the State.

May we have the vision, the faith and the courage to carry the gleanings of the past into the work of the future, and make 1934 not a year of depression but a year of achievements and great successes.

MRS. JAMES REESE SCHICK  
*Honorary State Regent*

EARLY DAYS OF THE D. A. R.

Though I am still limping from a recent accident, yet I am standing on my door step with open arms to join in the welcome of the Roanoke and Salem Chapters to the State gathering of the D. A. R. in our Magic City.

These State Conventions, now governed so efficiently by parliamentary rules, invariably turn memory back to the early days when small numbers gathered in the Regent's home and most delightfully mingled business and pleasure.

It was back in 1898 that the Old Dominion Chapter extended the invitation for the First State Meeting in Richmond. Nine Chapters were represented. Mrs. William Wirt Henry was Regent, and Mrs. Stephen Putney was appointed Secretary. Though much was accomplished toward the growth and work of the Organization, yet the Minutes were lost. Too bad!

From the Second Meeting on, however, the Minutes were preserved, but not printed until the Fifth Conference when Mrs. Kate A. Tuttle of the University of Virginia was appointed to collect all accounts from old newspapers and the recollections of those present at the time. At this Second Meeting a resolution was passed for Annual Conferences to be held throughout the State, but it was not until the Sixth Annual Meeting in Lynchburg that a Treasurer and Secretary were elected to serve for the year. Formerly they were appointed at the convening of the body.

The Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter of Roanoke was the fifth to be organized in the State, and was hostess to the Ninth Annual Conference with Mrs. Eleanor Washington Howard presiding. The first spirited discussion in the nine years of organization arose over whether to fall in line with other States and elect a Vice-Regent. Pros and cons were most excitingly tossed, resulting in the election of Mrs. John D. Horsley as Vice-Regent, with Mrs. S. W. Jamison as Regent.

Dr. Kate Waller Barrett created the Endowment Fund at the Twenty-fifth Conference held with the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter in 1921. The first donation was of one hundred dollars, given by Mrs. Maupin in memory of Mrs. S. W. Jamison. The second, of like amount, by Mrs. Beaman, in memory of her husband, Nathaniel Beaman. But, alas, I'll spare you more of these old times. However, this touch of memory goes to prove from what small beginnings great organizations arise. I consider myself most honored in serving for four years as Virginia's State Regent. The pleasure of working with

this splendid body of women more than compensated for the continuous work the office involved, and my earnest prayer is that the blessings of Heaven may continue to protect, strengthen and expand the noble and patriotic work of the Daughters of The American Revolution. Will you, with me, pledge anew our allegiance to home and country.

MRS. HAMPTON FLEMING  
State Vice-Regent

As Vice-Regent of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution I want to extend to you our appreciation of this wonderful service you are rendering us. The publication of this Bulletin meets a great need in our state work and I feel sure your splendid undertaking will bring about a wider interest in the work of our beloved Society throughout Virginia. Long live the Bulletin!

## NEW CHAPTERS

*The Colonel John Banister Chapter*, Petersburg, with eighty members, the latest addition to the roll of Virginia, unique in being the largest ever organized in the United States, came into being on December 21, 1933, Mrs Hampton Fleming, State Vice-Regent, acting for the State Regent, Mrs. Keesee, who, unable to be present, sent a message of greeting. The Organizing Regent, Mrs. William Washington Hines was elected Chapter Regent at which time, three Vice-Regents and full complement of officers were elected, and National Committee Chairmen appointed.

Colonel John Banister, many of whose descendants are living in Petersburg, those eligible being members of "their ancestor's Chapter," was intimately associated with George Washington during the Revolutionary War, but did not live to see his friend become President of the "new country." An autographed picture of Col. Banister hangs on the walls of Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge where he was assigned to be Brigade Major "for duty tomorrow," May 24, 1778, the order bearing Washington's signature. In 1780, Col. Banister was in command of the Militia on the south side of the James River. Two other colonels in the same Brigade with Banister were John Mercer, afterwards Governor of Maryland, and James Mon-

roe, subsequently President of the United States. His devotion to the patriot's cause may be summed up by the following quotation, "Col. John Banister was one of five officers who sacrificed most of their fortune for America's cause." Other than immediate military service finds Col. John Banister representing Dinwiddie County for five terms in the House of Burgesses; a member of the Convention of May 6, 1776; delegate in Congress from Virginia, 1778-9; one of the framers and signers of the Articles of Confederation between the Colonies July 9, 1778; visitor to William and Mary College in 1777.

The old colonial mansion, "Battersea," still standing in the west of the city and housing the famous stairway, one of the two Chinese Chippendales in this country, was included within the corporate limits when Petersburg, Pohahontas, and Blandford became one city so as to qualify Col. Banister to become its first Mayor.

We felicitate the new Chapter upon its gargantuan birth, and its choice of name, and wish for it service commensurate with its auspicious beginning.

*Madame Russell:* This Chapter of the younger women of Bristol was organized by Mrs. J. W. Wright of the Fort Chiswell Chapter with an enthusiastic membership of 27 on June 3, 1933, which has since grown to 40. This gives Bristol three Chapters in Virginia and one in Tennessee, making four for the city.

Madame Russell was a sister of Patrick Henry and very influential in social and religious circles in Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee. She first married Col. William Campbell; after his death she married General William Russell, both being buried at the family cemetery at Aspendale, Virginia.

*Chapters in the making:* At the Fort Nelson luncheon, Mrs. Beaman, Vice-President-General from Virginia told of the coming organization of the Adam Thoroughgood, near Norfolk and of a foreign chapter in Germany. The State Regent reports the following prospective Chapters: Hylton Village, Stuart, Hopewell and Waynesboro.

## THE NATIONAL CONGRESS

April 16 to 21, 1934. The Headquarters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be at the Mayflower.

Mrs. Charles B. Keesee, State Regent; Mrs. Nathaniel Beaman, Vice-President General from Virginia; Mrs. A. M. Prichard, State Treasurer, and other members of the State Board will be at the Mayflower during the Congress.

The Dinner of the Virginia Organization, followed by the Annual Meeting in connection with the National Congress, will be held on Tuesday evening, April 17th, at 7 o'clock, at the Willard Hotel. Tickets for the Dinner may be obtained from the State Recording and Corresponding Secretaries on the 16th and 17th, at a table provided for that purpose in the Vestibule of the Memorial Continental Hall. Tickets must be purchased before 12 o'clock on the 17th.

Seat Tickets for Constitution Hall for the Virginia Delegates may be obtained from the above State Secretaries, on Saturday afternoon, April 14th, in the Virginia Room of the Memorial Continental Hall, and beginning at 9 o'clock on Monday, April 16th, at a table provided for that purpose in the Vestibule of the Memorial Continental Hall.

Tickets for the White House Reception, which is on Wednesday, April 18th, may be obtained from the State Regent, only, after 12 o'clock of the day before the Reception.

## CONSTITUTION HALL

The National Society owns some of the most valuable realty to be found in the heart of Washington. Memorial Continental Hall whose magnificent facade has been featured by magazines became too small for the yearly Congress and Constitution Hall was projected and finally built. It contains the largest auditorium in the capitol city which is rented out for large gatherings, the rental received being used to pay off the debt upon the undertaking. The original cost approximately \$2,000,000.00, carried an indebtedness at the beginning of this year of \$365,000.00. The President General's Birthday Party, observed by all State Organizations brought forth \$28,423.00 of which

## Chapter Activities

*Alleghany*, Blacksburg is planning an historic pilgrimage for the coming year.

*Anne Bailey*, Clifton Forge, unveiled last May a handsome granite stone marker bearing a beautiful bronze tablet in commemoration of a Royal Land Grant to Robert Gallaspy in 1770. Mrs. W. M. Smith, Regent, made the presentation which was accepted for the city by the mayor, Mrs. Keesee, the State Regent being the guest of honor and principal speaker.

*Beverley Manor*, Staunton. Programs featuring "Territorial Possessions of the U. S." have been prominent this year, and were made particularly interesting by first-hand information of residents in overseas possessions. Contributions have been made to Stratford, and for Restoration of Records in Augusta County Court House.

*Chancellor Wythe*, on October 8, 1933 placed a tablet in Old St. John's Church, Richmond to the memory of George Wythe in honor of whom the Chapter is named.

*Colonel Charles Lynch*, Altavista, unveiled a tablet in memory of Colonel Charles Lynch, for whom the Chapter is named, at Rustburg Court House, the State Regent receiving it for the State Daughters.

*Colonel John Banister*, Petersburg, a new Chapter, sets a fine example of going right away to work in social activities closely allied to "Girl Home Makers" and "Patriotic Education" in providing opportunities for self help among those whose incomes were wiped out by the hard times. This Chapter is undertaking similar work for this coming year.

*Colonel Thomas Hughart*, Staunton. The copy of a pamph-

Virginia's contribution was \$303.-72. With this and other funds available, the mortgage was reduced by a payment of \$33,000.00. This means that yearly interest is reduced.

Mrs. Magna, the President General, anticipates another birthday celebration on November 15, 1934.

*The Penny-a-Day Fund* is just what it means, each Daughter setting aside a penny a day to be applied to this indebtedness. That would mean, in round numbers, \$3.50 for each Daughter, and with the many members, over 150,000, the indebtedness would be overpaid in one year.

let, "Baptismal Records, 1740 to 1749, by the Reverend John Craig, of the Old Stone Church, Augusta County, presented by Mrs. A. M. Prichard, who also gave copies of "Ketohton Baptist Association" and "Mead Relations" by Mr. A. M. Prichard to the National Library. The Chapter Chairman of Historic Spots reports 117 Revolutionary Soldiers' Graves located and verified. The Chapter has also been instrumental in enriching the shelves of the National Library by sending "United States from their First Settlement to the Period of the 5th Census, 1830," W. Grimshaw; "The Late War between the U. S. and Great Britain" J. L. Thompson, 1818.

*Comte de Grasse*, Yorktown, provided an interesting and instructive program in celebration of the anniversary of the death of Comte de Grasse featuring an address by Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, when the State Regent, with her party, was in attendance. Prior to the afternoon meeting Mrs. Keesee and her party were entertained at luncheon at Carter's Grove, the guests of Mrs. Archibald McCrea.

*Constantia*, Suffolk, Mrs. Pretlow, Regent, assisted by Mrs. G. Lloyd Bell, State Registrar, and her Chapter officers gave a reception in honor of the State Regent who was presented with a beautiful Wedgwood plate by the Chapter. Programs have been given featuring "The Barrons, the Children of the Chesapeake" by Dr. W. H. T. Squires; "Molly Pitcher and Betsy Ross" by Mrs. Joseph T. Deal, Regent Great Bridge. Conservation work at "Constantia."

*Count Pulaski* made a tour this fall of the old taverns along the Rock Road, surveyed by two of Napoleon's engineers under William Ingles in 1748. It was macadamized, hence its name, and is part of the old trail along which Daniel Boone and our ancestors trekked, then bearing the name "Wilderness Trail." Near Draper stands Red Horse Tavern featuring a four-poster bed under whose colonial coverlet Andrew Jackson slept. Rock House, though never an inn, dates back 1792, and is the oldest inhabited house in the country. At Newbern, founded in 1803, a stop was made at the Alexander House, typical of early inns, a succession of single rooms opening on a long porch. At Dunkard Bottoms is the handsome brick house built in 1848 by David Cloyd, on the site of a

colonial fort where can be seen the old grist and sawmill of 1745. A house built by Dr. Christian in 1775 is near. Next came Ingles Ferry, the oldest in this part of the country, in use since 1755, and all pioneers knew the inn here, a small part of which remains. Thence the tour continued to the site of the Mary Draper Ingles cabin. One chimney remains, the other torn down and the stones used for her monument in the adjacent burial ground. Here William Ingles built a fort in 1775 and a home for his wife, after her miraculous escape from the Shawnee Indians and her long journey home from captivity.

*Cricket Hill*, Mathews, feels proud of the achievement of one of its members, Mrs. Nell Rhea White whose book, *The Bradford Family, and Their Connections in Virginia* is just off the press.

*Culpeper Minute Men*, Culpeper. The Chapter placed a handsome Marker of stone and bronze at Culpeper Court House in memory of the Culpeper Minute Men. The ceremony was graced by the President General, Mrs. Magna. Other guests were: Mrs. C. A. Swann Sinclair, National President of the Children of the American Revolution; Mrs. Eleanor Washington Howard, Honorary Vice-President General from Virginia, and Honorary State Regent; and Mrs. Vivian Minor Fleming, President of the Kenmore Association. Mrs. Keesee, the State Regent, accepted the memorial on behalf of the State Organization. Other state officers were guests of the Chapter.

*Dorothea Henry Chapter*, Danville. One of the outstanding programs of the year was the participation by the Dorothea Henry Chapter with Whitmell Farm Life School in the planting of a "Memory Garden" in honor of some "Present Day Personalities." The planting was done on the grounds of the Whitmell School at the regular November meeting of the Chapter, at which meeting Mrs. F. C. Beverley, Principal of the Whitmell School, together with members of the faculty entertained the Chapter.

Shrubs were planted in honor of Mrs. Sallie Johnston Penn, Organizing Regent of Dorothea Henry Chapter, Ruth Bryan Owen, the first woman ambassador; Frances Perkins, the first woman Secretary of Labor; Lady Nancy Astor, Governor Nellie Tayloe Ross, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Dr. Kate Waller Barrett.

Mr. John C. Simpson, President of Stratford College, was the speaker of the afternoon, his theme being "Daughters of America's Regeneration."

A large number of guests from Whitmell, Danville, Martinsville and the surrounding communities were present, including Mrs. Charles B. Keesee, State Regent and the State Recording Secretary, both of whom assisted in the planting program.

*Fairfax County* has devoted much time to research in regard to Revolutionary Soldiers' Graves, sending names to the War Department for verification when Government Markers will be placed by the Chapter with suitable services. Donations have been given to three mountain schools and the work on the restoration of Pohick Parish House is to the fore. The Chapter is interested in a practical way in three Scholarship Funds. A trip to Gunston Hall through which the Chapter was conducted by the owner who afterwards entertained them at luncheon was a warm-weather high light. The President General's Birthday Party was observed as was also the customary Patriotic Meeting in honor of George Washington.

*Fort Chiswell*, Bristol, has as its outstanding feature the organization of the Madame Russell Chapter in Bristol. Mrs. Wright, of Fort Chiswell, being the Organizing Regent.

*Fort Loudon*, Winchester gave a luncheon on George Washington's Birthday in honor of Mrs. Keesee the State Regent. Among the out of State guests were the State Historian and members of West Virginia Chapters of Charlestown, Martinsburg, and Shepherdstown. The guests from within the state were three State Officers, and representatives from Massanutten, Col. Thomas Hughart, Patrick Henry, Cricket Hill and Mount Vernon Chapters.

The Chapter has completed a manuscript book containing the Revolutionary Records of the ancestors of the Chapter members. A Chapter Scrap Book has been compiled by Mrs. Crawford, former Regent of Chapter activities, embracing the Bi-centennial period.

*Fort Nelson*, Portsmouth. Interest and increased attendance have resulted by allotting one-half of each period to prepared programs the papers read being sent to the Reciprocity Committee. One subject, Colonial Plate, Pewter and Glass, brought out a creditable display of these relics. Calling the

"Roll of Advertisers" of the Magazine, as requested by its Editor follows each chapter roll call of members.

*General Joseph Martin*, Martinsville, celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a banquet at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel on the night of February 20th with the State Regent as honor guest.

*Great Bridge*, Norfolk. Unveiling of a marble tablet at Eastern Shore Chapel. Presentation of an American Flag, in memory of Mrs. Hugh Nelson Page to the Museum of Arts and Sciences. Much activity in Restoration of Records and Genealogical Research, and opportunity for practical Americanism among our foreign born.

*Hampton*. The oldest book in the Elizabeth City County Court House, Virginia—Deeds and Wills, bearing date 1689 to 1699 was restored at a cost of \$145.00 by the Hampton Chapter, in honor of the town of Hampton (at first named Kecoughtan) Virginia, dating from 1610, the oldest continuous English settlement in America.

*Henricopolis*, Richmond, reports that a prospective member discovered, some time ago, valuable papers in the attic of Essex Court House. Many documents were penned by the hands of James Madison, Patrick Henry, John Marshall and other famous Virginians, as well as the signatures of many Virginia Governors throughout the history of the Colony. To preserve these, the Chapter has obtained permission to give steel filing boxes, and the first installment of these has already been ordered sent to Essex Court House, Tappahannock, Virginia.

*Jack Jouett*, Charlottesville. The planting around the Boulder at Cookoo Tavern, commemorating Jack Jouett's Ride has been completed.

*Judith Randolph*, Farmville, contributed \$100.00 to the restoration of Prince Edward County Records, and collected many valuable bits of county history that would otherwise have been lost. The Chapter placed a marker, the Society's insignia set in granite at the grave of their late Regent, Mrs. Wall.

*Kate Waller Barrett*, Alexandria, a small Chapter with scattered membership has made a substantial contribution towards the purchase of the Leadbeater Pharmacy (See Mount Vernon Activities). The Blue Ridge Industrial School has been one of our objects.

*Lynchburg*, has concentrated up-  
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## The Virginia D. A. R.

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Altavista, Virginia

### Editorial Foreword

This initial venture of the Virginia Bulletin, to be followed at intervals by similar releases, is for the purpose of acquainting the Virginia Daughters with the work that is current within our State between Annual Conferences, that otherwise might be lost sight of in the mass of reports printed in the Annual Proceedings. It is intended as a medium whereby the State Regent may send messages of necessary moment to the Chapters, and report upon the work being undertaken by her and members of her official family. Its columns are open to all Chapters and State Officers and State Chairmen who wish to tell of things being done by them that will be both interesting and provocative of emulation, and all are invited, and urged, to use this means of sharing our activities. Is there a tablet unveiled, some pilgrimage undertaken to an historic spot, some grave marked, some records cared for; whatever is of interest send to the Editor who asks for conservation of space, the prerogative of "editing" but who will, at the same time, carefully present the subject matter submitted, giving due credit to the correspondent. This Bulletin will be in the hands of Chapter Regents prior to the Annual Conference to meet in Roanoke on March 20 of this year and will serve as a preview of that important gathering. The Program will be found within its pages, and items relative to representation should be informative. This first number of the Bulletin is the gift of our State Regent, Mrs. Keesee, whose features will greet you as you turn its page, and who joins us in hoping that your response in sending "news" will make this venture very much worthwhile.

## Chairmen of Committees

### Conservation and Thrift

MISS CLAUDINE HUTTER  
*Chairman*

For Conservation and Thrift a splendid idea has come from Dorothea Henry Chapter. Doesn't the mention of "Memory Garden" create in you a desire to likewise memorialize living people with living monuments? Such was the program at the November meeting, held at Whitmell School, Danville, when several State Officers, including the State Regent, and a hundred other guests joined the Dorothea Henry Chapter for the planting of "Memory Garden" to honor some outstanding women of this generation. Appropriate addresses and music preceded the planting ceremony. As each shrub was placed in the name of a celebrated woman, fitting tributes were paid for valuable services.

### Filing and Lending Historical Papers

MRS. BRUCE REYNOLDS  
*Chairman*

In 1916, Mrs. Wm. Bullitt Fitzhugh, chairman of this Committee, had no provisions given for a Virginia File; all papers were sent to the National Committee. In 1923, Mrs. Fitzhugh established the present Virginia Lending Bureau where records of Virginia History are preserved that have never been printed and are only available through our own files. This work of Mrs. Fitzhugh was highly commended by Dr. Barrett and her services should be recognized by the Daughters. After 16 years of activity the present Chairman was appointed upon the resignation of Mrs. Fitzhugh. Our files are now up to date and I hope to issue a complete, new catalog by the end of May. During this year 24 new papers, three times as many as last year's, have been submitted to the National Committee. The new catalog will contain rules for submitting papers and further details of the working of this project and I wish to express recognition of those Chapters contributing papers.

### Girl Home Makers

MRS. GEORGE C. STONE  
*National Vice-Chairman and Virginia State Chairman*

In a number of states the work

of the Girl Home Makers is confined very largely, if not altogether, to an effort to give training in home making to girls of foreign parentage. Since Virginia has not a large foreign population, it has been the earnest desire of the Chairman to find the best way for the D. A. R. in Virginia to meet the needs existing here in our own state, and to find a practical way to count as a factor of genuine worth in higher ideals of home making.

A careful study of our home problems as well as of methods of work in all the other states seems to point unquestionably to a Scholarship Loan Fund to help worthy girls to acquire training in Home Economics—girls whose financial limitations would otherwise deprive them of an opportunity of receiving such training—as the most desirable way for this Committee to spend its energies.

Such a loan fund could increase in usefulness as the years go by. Graduates would repay their loans, and the Chapters add to the fund from year to year, thus enabling us to keep more and more girls in schools (the State Teachers Colleges) receiving intensive training in home making and efficiency be greatly increased thereby.

Unquestionably, one effect of the depression has been to turn again our attention to the importance of the home, and the privilege of helping in this movement is one the Chapters should not allow to pass.

### Preservation of Records

MRS. P. W. HIDDEN  
*Chairman*

Since our Conference in Staunton, the work of the Committee on Preservation of Records has gone on apace and the chairman feels grateful for the interest manifested by the Chapters and for the splendid support of our State Regent and other officers. The personal contacts have been thoroughly delightful.

From March, 1933, to the present time, the State D. A. R. have restored the following volumes: Halifax Co. Will Book O, 1753-1772; Louisa Co. Will Book 1, 1746-1761; Northampton Order Book, 1664-1774, and Old Rappahannock Deed Book, 1658-1664. The Louisa book was done in honor of the chapters contributing as much as \$25.00 to this work; namely: Commonwealth, William Byrd, Old Donation, Great Bridge, Mount

Vernon, Poplar Forest and Patrick Henry. The Old Rappahannock book is a tribute to Mrs. Beaman.

Since March, 1933, there has been the following work done by individual chapters, Commonwealth in honor of its retiring regent, Mrs. Geo. A. Sprinkle, restored the first two order books of Goochland Co. 1728-1730, and 1730-1731. The James Allen Chapter has made possible the preservation of the first Nottoway Co. Will Book, 1789-1802. The Northampton Chapter restored an order book of the county, 1655-1656. The Board of Supervisors of Isle of Wight Co. and the Newport News Chapter did a volume of Isle of Wight Wills, 1752-1760 in honor of Mrs. W. B. Livezey, organizing, past, and honorary regent of Newport News Chapter. The Old Donation Chapter honoring past regents has restored the first part of Princess Anne Deed Book 3, 1714-1724. This Deed Book is so large that it required division into three parts, and its complete restoration is, therefore, a three-year project.

The Chairman has had pleasant visits to Eastville with officers of the Northampton Chapter, to Norfolk with the Old Donation executive committee, to Farmville with officers of the Judith Randolph Chapter and to Staunton with Beverley Manor representatives. She has talked on records before the Newport News, Accomac and Wm. Byrd Chapters, the Newport News Branch of the A. A. U. W., and Smithfield Woman's Club. She has accepted every invitation and would have gone further afield had she only been asked to do so. Not even her love for records can make her feel it is quite right for her to "crash a party," and present the subject to unwilling listeners.

Twenty-nine graves of Real Daughters of the American Revolution have been located, and fifteen of them have been marked. Reports show that 2,192 graves of Revolutionary soldiers have been located and 2,000 of these have been marked.

In response to request for information the Editor would inform all interested that "Markers" provided by the Government for authenticated Revolutionary soldier graves may be obtained from office of Quartermaster General, War Department, Washington, D. C.



**Chapter Activities**

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on its work at "Point of Honor" Welfare Center. The contribution of a piano, other furnishings, books and magazines has provided entertainment and recreation. Piano lessons are given gratis by two college girls to five talented children. The library has 250 books, which the worker in charge is busy circulating.

Madame Russell, Bristol, sends a Year Book, individually written, on a format printed and published by the Caldwell Co of Philadelphia. So worthy of emulation in its painstaking penmanship, the work of the Vice-Regent, Mary Preston Grey, and its "Historical Roll Call" that permission has been granted for its exhibition, and a copy can be examined at the Recording Secretary's desk in the Conference Room. Do not miss this from one of our "baby" chapters.

Massanutten, Harrisonburg, has a Marker to designate the site of the house in which the first court was held in Rockingham County, which will be placed when the new routing of the National Highway is determined.

Mount Vernon, Alexandria. Among the many reported activities we cull a few. A donation of \$100.00 towards the purchase of the old Leadbeater Apothecary Shop that has been in one family since pre-Revolutionary days, a donation to the Restoration of Jones' Point Light House, Alexandria, where the southwest corner stone of the old District of Columbia boundary line is located. Presentation of portrait of George Washington to the city

High School to whose reading room a copy of the D. A. R. Magazine is subscribed for.

Nancy Christian Fleming, Roanoke, is fostering the Jane Cocke Funkhouser Memorial Student Loan Fund started by Mr. Funkhouser three years ago. The fund is placed at Hollins College where Jane Cocke graduated in the institution founded by her grandfather, the late Charles L. Cocke. The fund is at the disposal of some deserving Junior, preferably from Roanoke, but necessarily a Virginia girl. The principal and interest are payable

by the borrower two years after graduation. Many projects for augmenting this fund have engaged the interest and activities of the Chapter.

Natural Bridge, has decided to give a Good Citizenship Medal in the school, this Spring, and if the children show sufficient interest more medals may be offered next year.

Newport News, entertained at a beautiful luncheon in honor of the State Regent at the James River Country Club.

Old Donation, Norfolk. "Our

project for this year was the restoration of Volume 1 of Princess Anne County Deed Book, No. 3, from 1714 to 1724. This book was in the State Library."

Stuart and Wilderness Road, Wytheville. These two Chapters are co-operating in the proper marking of the site of the old Fincastle County Court House, at the historic lead mines near Austinville, Va. The Lead Mines was the county seat of Fincastle which county embraced the present Southwest Virginia and the state of Kentucky, a vast territory whose western boundary was the Mississippi River. It was the only county west of the mountains, the only county in the Mississippi Valley for many years prior to the Revolutionary War.

William Byrd, Richmond. The main work planned is the restoration of the collection of Washington letters in the State Library which are in very bad condition. We shall do this in honor of Mrs. P. W. Hiden, Chairman of the State Committee on Preservation of Records who has spent herself so untiringly in this work.

Williamsburg, entertained at dinner when the State Regent, the honoree, gave an address which was followed by a motion picture of D. A. R. Approved Schools, which, in the absence of Mrs. Pouch, were explained by the State Regent. On the following morning the State Regent and her party were guests at a breakfast given by Mrs. C. E. Friend, the Regent, and were privileged to view some of the restoration being undertaken by Mr. Rockefeller.

**Message From The State Regent**

The days pass quickly—all too quickly in your service, for they are busy happy days!

Contact with the interesting daughters of my State and the enthusiasm aroused by their encouragement and co-operation have been a never ceasing joy.

I am soliciting a continuance of this same generous spirit and offer in return the best that is in me of courage and loyal devotion to the splendid work of Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution.



MRS. CHAS. B. KEESEE

The recently organized Chapter at Petersburg, with its unprecedented charter membership, should spur all those who have the success of the Virginia Organization at heart to higher endeavor. The promise of Chapters at Hilton Village, Stuart, Hopewell and Waynesboro, together with the increased membership in many chapters, is most heartening to your Regent. Altogether 1934 augurs great things and to each of you individually belongs the responsibility to bring them to pass. A large delegation at the Conference in Roanoke will demonstrate your interest as nothing else can. Please come prepared with helpful suggestions and hopeful attitudes. Let me dedicate myself anew to your service and pledge my unflinching allegiance in every project undertaken or endorsed by you.

**STATE REGENT'S ITINERARY SINCE LAST CONFERENCE**

- 1933
- May 23—Mt. Vernon—Luncheon and Chapter Meeting.
- May 24—Virginia State Board Hostess at tea to General Federation of Women's Clubs meeting in Richmond.
- May 25—Albemarle Chapter—Hostess at "Castalia," home of Mrs. Murray Boocock, Jack Jouett and Shadwell members guests.
- May 30—Ann Bailey—Chapter unveiling ceremony followed by a luncheon.
- May 31—Nancy Christian Fleming—Garden Party at the home of Mrs. Murray Hammond.
- July 12—Wilderness Road and Stuart—Reception by State Historian, Mrs. Kegley, at her home, "Rose Hill."
- Sept. 11—Col. Charles Lynch—Unveiling tablet to Col. Charles Lynch at the Court House, Rustburg.
- Sept. 14—Wilderness Road—Luncheon followed by Chapter Meeting at the home of Mrs. John Tipton, Hillsville.
- Sept. 21—Judith Randolph—Dinner and Chapter Meeting.
- Oct. 19—Comte de Grasse—Celebrating the 152nd Anniversary of the

- surrender of Lord Cornwallis, extended greetings and placed a wreath on the monument in the name of Virginia Daughters.
- Oct. 23—Frances Bland Randolph—Chapter meeting followed by a tea. Officers and members of Col. William Allen and Bermuda Hundred Chapters invited.
- Oct. 26—Francis Wallis and Thomas Nelson—Joint meeting and reception at home of Mrs. Thomas S. Wallis, Regent of Francis Wallis Chapter, Cherrydale.
- Oct. 27—Culpeper Minute Men—Unveiling monument, Mrs. Magna, the President-General; Mrs. Eleanor Washington Howard, Honorary Vice-President-General from Virginia; Mrs. Wm. A. Becker, Chairman of National Defense Committee; Mrs. C. A. S. Sinclair, National President C. A. R.; Mrs. Vivian Minor Fleming President Kenmore Association, and members of Virginia State Board, were guests of Chapter for lunch. An informal reception followed.
- Nov. 3—Northampton County—Luncheon, joint meeting with A. P. V. A., and presented to the County Clerk two volumes restored by Chapter.

Nov. 15—Patrick Henry—Birthday Celebration for President General.  
Nov. 21—Dorothea Henry—memory Garden Dedication, Chapter Meeting at Whitmell School.

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Jan. 10—Newport News—Luncheon and Chapter Meeting at which members of Constantia, Col. Wm. Allen, Comte de Grasse and Hampton were guests.  
Jan. 11—Fort Nelson—Luncheon and Chapter Meeting—members of Constantia, Col. Wm. Allen, Comte de Grasse, Great Bridge and Hampton being guests.  
Jan. 11—Williamsburg—Banquet followed by Motion Pictures of "Approved Schools."  
Jan. 12—Constantia—Reception followed by Chapter Meeting.  
Jan. 13—Comte de Grasse—Celebration in memory of Comte de Grasse, this date being the birthday of our gallant French ally.  
Feb. 1—Irvine Welles—Fort Humphrey—Dinner followed by Chapter Meeting.

Feb. 20—Gen. Joseph Martin—Banquet celebrating the Chapter's 10th Birthday.

Feb. 21—Tea by Mrs. A. M. Prichard, State Treasurer, "Gaymont," Staunton, to which the members of the Beverley Manor and Col. Thomas Hughart Chapters were invited to meet the State Regent.

Feb. 22—Fort Loudon—Luncheon and Reception with visiting Chapter members as guests.

Feb. 23—Blue Ridge, Poplar Forest, Lynchburg, and James River—Dinner, Reception and Musical. On the following morning, the State Regent, and the following visiting guests: Mrs. Wm. Cabell Fournoy, of Lexington; Mrs. Sallie Penn, of Danville; and Mrs. D. C. Jackson, of Lynchburg were entertained at breakfast by Mrs. E. L. Sutherland, Vice-Regent, Blue Ridge Chapter.

Individual visits have been made to 36 chapters; on several occasions neighboring chapters being represented brings the total to about 50. With two exceptions the State Regent made addresses.

In this connection we would note that two-thirds of the time of the incumbency of the State Regent ends with this Conference.

## State Publicity

MRS. LEWIS T. JETER  
Chairman

*Two Ter-Centennials, 1934* is the 300th Anniversary of the Division of the Virginia Colony into the eight original shires from which the remainder of the 100 counties of the state were subsequently carved. For the purposes of government the colony was first divided into "hundreds," then into four boroughs which were in 1634 expanded into the eight shires as follows: Elizabeth City or Kecoughtan, James City, York or Charles River, Warwick, Charles City, Henrico, Warraskoyack or Isle of Wight and Accomac. It is suggested that every chapter find the original mother shire of the county in which it is located and the year of its formation

*The Syms-Eaton Academy* in Hampton, the first free school established in America has been in operation since 1634 when Benjamin Syms left his property to be disposed of to set up a free school for the children in Kecoughtan or Elizabeth City. In 1656 Thomas Eaton died and made a bequest to the same end. There is today \$10,000 in the Syms-Eaton fund. The school which bears the name of these two early educators, although now included in the public school system of Hampton is in part still supported by the endowment. The county is planning a celebration during the year in honor of the 300th anniversary of the establishment of free education in America.

*The Tyler Portrait Fund* is nearing completion. A substantial pay-

ment has already been made and the Committee hopes with the fulfillment of pledges to have in hand the full amount.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy at their annual meeting in Richmond in the fall voted a contribution from every chapter. Among other contributors are: Former Governor John Garland Pollard, Dr. J. L. Newcomb, president of the University of Virginia; Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, President of William and Mary College; Dr. J. D. Eggleston, President of Hampden-Sydney College; John Stewart Bryan, publisher of the Richmond *News-Leader*; Hon. S. Otis Bland, Member of Congress; Judge Robert M. Jones, of Seattle, Washington; Robert B. Jackson of Los Angeles, California; The Wednesday Club of Danville; the Woman's Club of Lynchburg; Barton Height's Woman's Club, Ginter Park Woman's Club, and others.

The substantial aid and encouragement of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a great help in proceeding with the project of so honoring one of our outstanding Virginia Historians.

### January Anniversaries in Tidewater

In January the Hampton Chapter of which Mrs. Fred Gammack is Regent, celebrated its 34th anniversary at a meeting at Cedar Hall, the home of Mrs. Frank W. Darling. Mr. Darling gave a talk on the oldest free school on America, the Syms-Eaton Academy of Hampton which was first endowed in 1634 and is still operating in part upon the funds of the original endowment.

The Newport News Chapter of which Mrs. L. C. Spengler is Regent, had as its guest of honor at a luncheon meeting at the James River Country Club, on January 10th, Mrs. Charles B. Keesee, State Regent, who gave the principal address of the afternoon. Mrs. Hampton Fleming, State Vice-Regent; the State Recording Secretary; Mrs. G. Lloyd Bell, State Registrar, and Mrs. Lewis L. Chapman, State Librarian were also guest of the Chapter. The occasion was the sixth anniversary of the Chapter's organization.

The Comte De Grasse Chapter of which Mrs. George D. Chenoweth is Regent, held memorial services on January 13th on the occasion of the anniversary of the death of Comte de Grasse. Dr. Lyon G. Tyler was the guest speaker. His subject was "Virginia in the Closing Days of the Revolution."

At the conclusion of the exercises Mrs. Charles B. Keesee who was the guest of honor, placed a wreath at the monument for the Sons of the American Revolution. Other wreaths were placed by Mrs. Chenoweth for her Chapter and by little Miss Gray for the Moore House Chapter, C. A. R.

Announcement is also made that the Comte de Grasse Chapter received from Miss Katherine Hawes, of Richmond, a valuable letter written by Thomas Nelson, Jr., in 1812 to his mother, Mrs. Sarah B. Nelson at Yorktown. This letter was added to the "Nelson Collection of Souvenirs" at the Custom House.

## Mrs. Marshall MacDonald

We regret to record the passing of Mrs. Marshall MacDonald. A telegram from her daughter, Judge Rose MacDonald, to the State Regent, announced her demise on Thursday the 8th. Mrs. Keesee sent a wreath with D. A. R. ribbon displaying the D. A. R. colors and requested Mrs. Harry Raynor Greene, State Chaplain, and co-member of the Fort Loudon Chapter to represent her at the funeral service. A reproduction of the painting of Mrs. MacDonald who was the first Treasurer-General appears in the Virginia Proceedings for 1932, with a brief sketch of her services. The portrait may be seen in The Constitution Hall. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Judge Rose MacDonald, her only daughter. A letter from Mrs. Greene speaks of her attendance at the funeral services both as a personal friend and as representing the State Regent.

## OFF OUR OWN PRESS

"The Virginia Book" with history of the Virginia Organization from 1892-1928 inclusive, compiled by Jenny Thornley Grayson, Mrs. J. Cooke Grayson, Virginia Historian, N. S., D. A. R. is now being sold for \$2.50 a copy. This is a handbook dealing with chapters and a "Who's Who" in the Organization, and may be obtained from Mrs. Grayson "Seminole Lodge," R. F. D., Charlottesville.

Our brochure, "Virginia's His-

toric Trees," compiled by the State Recording Secretary is now on sale at 50c per copy. This would prove an acceptable souvenir or Virginia birthday greeting, and may be obtained from Mrs. Rowbotham, Altavista, Va.

The January issue of the National Magazine gave a complimentary review by Catherine Calvert Goodman of "Mead Relations" by Mr. A. M. Prichard of Staunton.

Within thirty days from the adjournment of the Thirty-eighth Virginia State Conference the printed "Proceedings" will be off the press. The initial copy (generally bought by the individual chapter for its own use) is \$2.50. Additional copies are only 25c each. This makes a valuable hand-book for officers and members. The By-laws require that all orders and cheques be sent to the Recording Secretary, not to the State Treasurer. Please adhere to this, otherwise confusion arises. Place your orders during the State Conference with the State Recording Secretary. Last year's printing was exhausted and some would-be purchasers had to have cheques returned as orders could not be filled.

**THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED FROM THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGES FEBRUARY, 1934—Washington and Lincoln!** We honor ourselves when we honor them. They are immortal because of their patriotism. Our Society will be immortal for the same reason, if we but renew our pledge of allegiance, and *keep it*.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have their own purposes laid down in their Constitution and By-laws.

America has need today of all patriotic groups who, stirred by love of country and the defence of America, wish to organize. Our Society will assist and be an encouragement to them, and will hold them in the highest regard and esteem.

But the Daughters of the American Revolution must remain the Daughters of the American Revolution, nor lose the pattern which the founders in their wisdom cut out for them.

Its solidarity and identity must remain inviolate. As a Woman's Patriotic Society it has grown through loyalty to its own aims, objects and ideals, and endured to become a great power for patriotic good through all its committees. It

has maintained its enviable position close to half a century.

Let us then renew the pledge we take when we become members and officers in the National Society *to uphold our own Constitution and By-laws, our own aims, objects and ideas, nor change the pattern, intent or name.*

Keep the ideality of your National Society inviolate. In a word, *be your National Society, be Daughters of the American Revolution, and be true to yourselves.*

America is your country; its maintainance and its preservation is your responsibility and trust from your patriot forefathers. There can be no more precious trilogy than your *home, your country and your God.*

### REAL DAUGHTERS

Within a short time since there were seven Real Daughters living whose names are as follows: Mrs. Marcia Storts Allen, New Lexington, Ohio; Mrs. Angelia Loring Avery, 156 Chestnut St., Williamantic, Conn.; Mrs. Annie Knight Gregory, 608 Packer St., Williamsport, Pa.; Mrs. Caroline P. Randall, 25 Pine Street, Greenfield, Mass.; Mrs. Mary Pool Newsome, R. F. D. No. 2, Gibson, Georgia; Miss Sarah Poole, R. F. D. No. 2, Gibson, Georgia; Mrs. Mary P. Gillman, El Dorado Ave., Berkeley, Calif.

Why the addresses? Well, would it not be "something" for the chapters to write to these women whose own fathers probably told them about the Revolutionary War. They probably would reply; send addressed envelope, anyway, and the Editor will be glad to introduce a column "Letters from Real Daughters." Even if we get nothing back, these old folks will feel they are honorably "not forgotten."

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT C. A. R. BROADCASTS

Mrs. C. A. S. Sinclair, Mt. Vernon Chapter, National President of the C. A. R. gave an interesting and instructive broadcast over W. J. S. V. at 1:45 on January 15th, on the work of the C. A. R. Fortunate were we who happened to tune in on this and also to hear Mrs. Magna, President General, speak on Ellis Island and the contribution made by the Daughters a few days later.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair are spending sometime in Bermuda, and a card brings information of greatly improved health.

The State Vice-Regent, Mrs. Hampton Fleming, represented the State Regent at a meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, who met in the Capitol, the old House of Burgesses, at Williamsburg.

Enroute to Fort Loudon's Washington Celebration, at Winchester, Mrs. A. M. Prichard entertained at a Tea at her home in Staunton, the two local Chapters being in attendance, Mrs. Keese, the State Regent, and her party, the Beverley Manor and Col. Thomas Hugart were invited.

### State Conference

MRS. FELIX K. PARKER

On October 5th and 6th, 1921, the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter of Roanoke was hostess to the Twenty-fifth Annual State Conference with headquarters at Hotel Roanoke.

The General Conference Committee for the Thirty-eight Conference is:

*Honorary Members:* Mrs. James R. Shick, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. A. N. Pitzer, Former State Treasurer.

Mrs. Felix K. Parker, Chairman; Mrs. Lawson Worrell, Sr., Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Robert L. Cochran, Secretary; Mrs. C. Shelburne Spindle, Treasurer.

*Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter:* Mesdames Felix K. Parker, F. B. Thomas, E. R. Hooge, Robert L. Cochran.

*Nancy Christian Fleming Chapter:* Mesdames C. Shelburne Spindle, Robert B. Adams, W. W. S. Butler, Jr., C. Francis Cocke.

*Colonel William Preston Chapter:* Mesdames Lawson Worrell, Sr., R. E. Price, Edward H. Hannabas, F. L. Temple.

*Fort Lewis Chapter (Salem):* Mesdames W. P. Norris, W. R. Cross, J. D. Phipps, Taylor Price.

*Conference Committees—Chairmen:* Badges, Mrs. J. B. Baskerville; Credentials, Mrs. W. W. S. Butler, Jr.; Entertainment, Mrs. Ernest B. Fishburn; Hospitality, Mrs. Littleton Davis; Information, Mrs. Beverley Berkeley; Music, Mrs. Ernest Baldwin; Pages, Mrs. W. F.

Genheimer; Transportation, Mrs. T. Gilbert Wood.

All Conference, Board, and Committee Meetings will be held at Hotel Roanoke as well as the Reception on the opening night.

Two large social functions are planned, thus keeping the social affairs at a minimum as requested by the State Regent, for patriotic reasons. These will be the opening night Reception tendered by the American Legion Auxiliary, and William Watts Chapter, U. D. C. On Wednesday afternoon, a Tea will be given at old Fort Lewis by Fort Lewis Chapter of Salem.

There will be a subscription Breakfast at Hotel Roanoke on Thursday morning when Mrs. Hampton Fleming will conduct her annual Efficiency Conference. Seats will be arranged in the room for those not attending the Breakfast.

The Roanoke Daughters are enjoying all these preparations and we are hoping for a large assemblage at this Conference.

For information concerning local Conference details write or phone, Mrs. Felix K. Parker, 1218 Campbell Avenue—Phone 4543.

Conference Committees appointed by the State Regent:

*Resolutions:* Mrs. William Price Wood, Chairman, Commonwealth, Richmond; Mrs. John Thornton Ashton, Mt. Vernon Chapter, Alexandria; Mrs. Harry A. Hunt, Fort Nelson, Portsmouth; Mrs. Charles E. Friend, Williamsburg.

*Memorials:* Mrs. Harry Raynor Greene, Chaplain, Fort Loudon, Winchester; Mrs. F. B. Crawford, Fort Loudon, Winchester; Mrs. Walter B. Ellett, Alleghany, Blacksburg; Mrs. W. M. Smith, Anne Bailey, Clifton Forge; Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Northampton County, Cape Charles; Mrs. R. H. Pretlow, Constantia, Suffolk.

### REPRESENTATION

Virginia By-Laws—Art. VIII—Sec. 1. "Each Chapter shall be allowed the same representation at State Conferences as allowed at Continental Congress"—(the Chapter Regent and one delegate for every 50 members.)

*National By-Laws for Chapter Representatives at D. A. R. Congress*

1. Must have been a member of

her chapter at least one continuous year immediately preceding the Congress (except in the case of Regent and First Vice-Regent of chapters confirmed since the close of the 42nd Congress of 1933).

2. Must be credited upon the books of the Treasurer General as having paid dues by the first day of February.

3. Must have been elected delegate or alternate on or before March 1, 1934, and name and date of election reported upon the credential blank to the Committee on Credentials. The Regent, or in her absence the First Vice-Regent, is ex-officio a chapter representative and does not have to be elected. By virtue of her office, the First Vice-Regent only is alternate to the Regent. If it is desired that the First Vice-Regent be a delegate or an alternate, she must be so elected. Any other alternate to the Regent must be elected as such by the chapter.

Virginia By-Laws Art. VIII.—Sec. 6. Each delegate and member of the State Conference shall be required to pay a registration fee of \$2.00 before receiving a State Conference Badge.

All State Officers, Chairmen of Committees, Regents, Delegates and Alternates are requested to Register as early as possible and pay the Registration Fee of \$2.00.

*Attention Chapter Regents.* As there is frequently some misunderstanding as to the number of Delegates, if any, to which a Chapter is entitled, each Regent will receive a notice from the State Regent giving definite information. This will be based upon the statement from the State Treasurer as to the paid up membership of each Chapter. Each Chapter is entitled to representation by its Regent, or her alternate, and one Delegate for every complete 50 paid up members. A membership of 49 would be one short of the required 50 and permit only representation by the Regent. At the same time the Sessions are open to all Daughters and for such visitors space will be accorded.

### Distinguished Guests

Activities of the President General, Mrs. Magna, with Pacific Coast Organizations at the time of our Conference will prevent her being with the Virginia Daughters in Roanoke, but we shall look forward

with pleasure to the Annual Conference in 1935 when we shall be able to welcome Mrs. Magna as the guest of the Virginia Daughters.

We are to welcome to the Roanoke Conference: Miss Katherine A. Nettleton, the Treasurer General; Mrs. Henry Bourne Joy, Recording Secretary General; Mrs. William N. Reynolds, Honorary State Regent, and Past Vice-President General from N. C.; and State Regents: Mrs. Sydney Perry Cooper, of N. C., and Mrs. Willard Steele, of Tennessee.

### Conference Program

The following is a "working outline" of the Program for the 28th Conference to be held in Roanoke, March 21, 22, and 23, obtained from the Hostess General Chairman, Mrs. Felix K. Parker, with added notations by the State Regent. The complete Program in detail will be available as finally published when the Conference assembles.

Unless otherwise stated all meetings are in the Ball Room of the headquarters, Hotel Roanoke. Unless otherwise noted the State Regent will preside.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 20,

8:00 P. M.

Assembly Call—Entrance of Pages, escorting the State Regent, State Officers, and Distinguished Guests

Invocation—Reverend H. Edgar Knies, President Ministers' Conference

Salute to Flag led by Members of Reserved Officers Association

The American's Creed led by Mrs. F. B. Kegley, State Historian

Greetings, Mrs. Felix K. Parker, Regent, Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter; Mrs. Lawson Worrell, Regent, Col. William Preston Chapter; Mrs. W. P. Norris, Regent, Fort Lewis Chapter, Salem; Mrs. C. Shelburne Spindle, Regent, Nancy Christian Fleming Chapter

History of Roanoke Valley and Greetings, Mr. Joseph A. Turner, President Southwest Virginia Historical Society

Response, Miss Maude Spottswood Larkin, Poplar Forest Chapter, Lynchburg

Introduction of the Speaker, Dr. Charles J. Smith, Roanoke College, Salem

Address, "National Defense," Hon. Clifton A. Woodrum, M. C.

Adjournment—Retiring of the Colors

Reception—Upon the conclusion of the Opening Proceedings, the Organization will be tendered a Reception by the American Legion Auxiliary and the William Watts Chapter, U. D. C.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21,

9:00 A. M. (Morning Session)

Call to Order of the Thirty-eighth Virginia State Conference followed by the customary routine necessary to constituting the personnel of the Conference.

Reading Proceedings of Tuesday night's Opening Meeting

Business Session with Recess at 12:30 and Luncheon at Hotel at 1:00

2:00 P. M. (Afternoon Session)—General Business

Reading Minutes of the Morning's Session

First Report of Resolutions Committee

3:30 P. M.—Memorial Service conducted by Mrs. Harry Raynor Greene, the State Chairman and the Committee, concluded by Taps, and Retiring of the Colors

4:30 P. M.—The Conference will be entertained at a Tea at Fort Lewis given by the Fort Lewis Chapter at Salem.

8:00 P. M.—Invocation, Reverend James Gilsenan, Pastor, Our Lady of Nazareth Church

Salute to The Flag led by the Children of the American Revolution, Mill Mountain Chapter; and Girl, and Boy Scouts

Greetings—Mrs. William N. Reynolds, Hon. State Regent, and Past Vice-President General from N. C.; Mrs. Sydney Perry Cooper, State Regent, N. C.; Mrs. Willard Steele, State Regent, Tennessee

Addresses—Miss Katherine A. Nettleton, Treasurer General; Mrs. Henry Bourne Joy, Recording Secretary General

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 A. M.—Efficiency Period, Mrs. Hampton Fleming, State Vice-Regent

Subscription Breakfast at Hotel Roanoke

9:45 A. M.—Business Session—Reading Minutes Wednesday afternoon and night; Second Report Resolutions Committee

12:30 P. M.—Recess for Luncheon at 1 o'clock at Patrick Henry Hotel

2:00 P. M.—Business Session — Reading Minutes of Morning Session; New Business; Unfinished Business

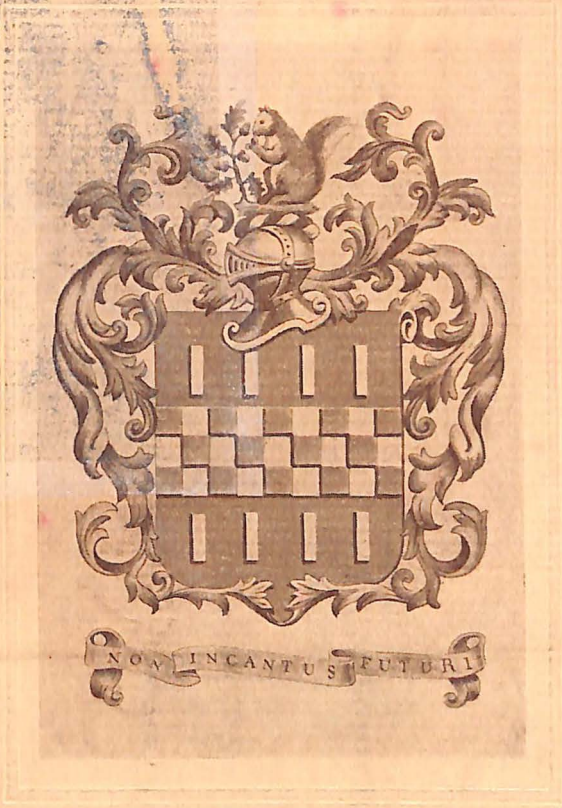
8:00 P. M.—Regent's Night. At the conclusion of this meeting the Resolutions Committee will make its final report. This will be in the nature of a "Courtesy Report." This Committee will have offered two Reports as indicated, the reason being that there may be matters presented which may involve discussion. Time for such will then be available. The final "Courtesy Report" of thanks and recognition of services and without discussion will be adopted by the customary "Rising Vote"

Reading of the Minutes of the Afternoon and Night Sessions followed by Final Adjournment of the Thirty-eighth Conference.

### A Relief Measure

By action taken at the last Board Meeting the Treasurer's Report will be printed and distributed, and only the Summaries of Receipts, Disbursements, and Balances will be read. This will save much time, and afford a better understanding of the Report. A time will be set for the adoption of the Report, giving opportunity for the Conference to digest it. The printing is done by the firm which also prints the Proceedings, and will be type already set-up, so the cost of this "Relief" will be negligible.

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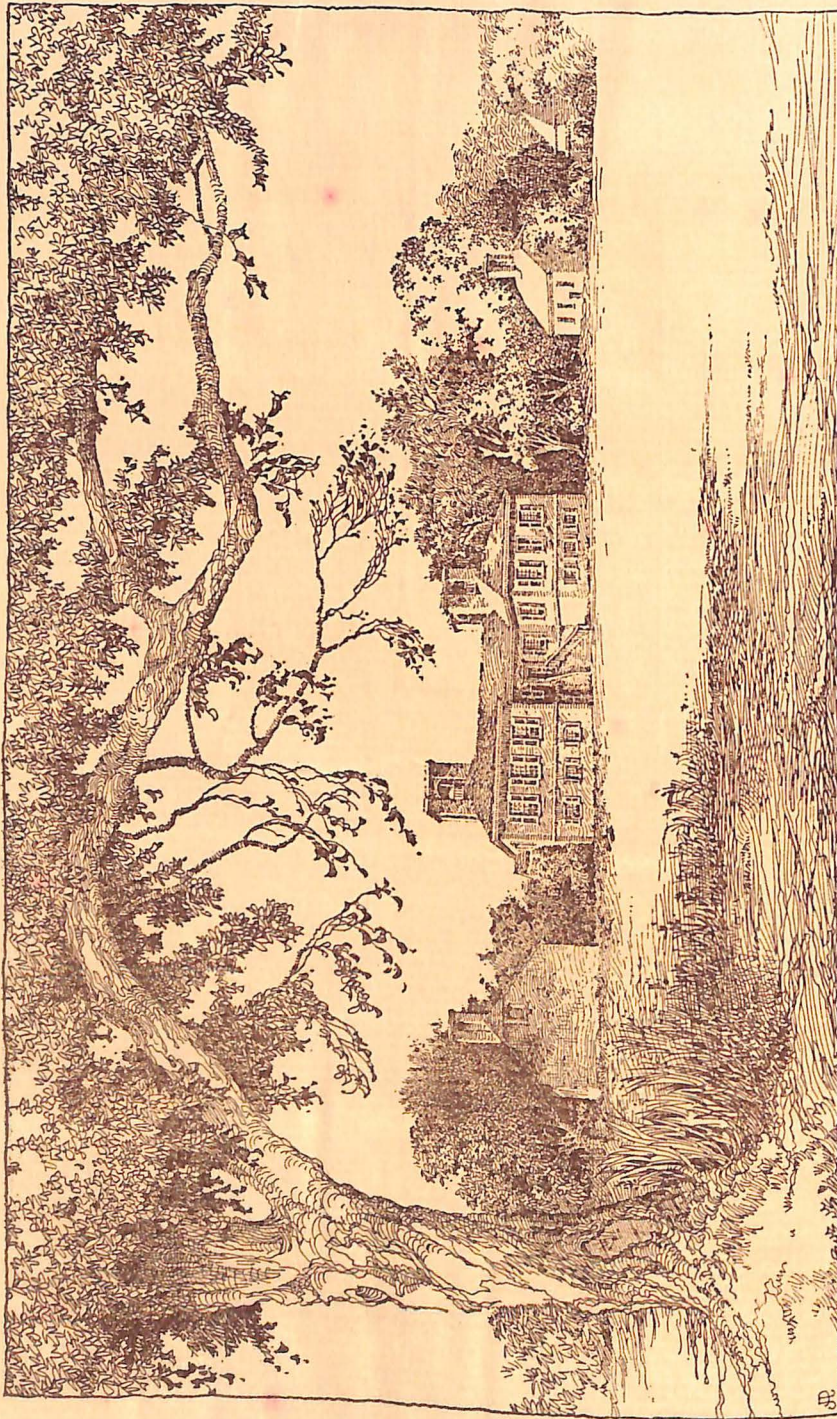
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# Program

- Music: Processional *America the Beautiful*
- Invocation *Right Reverend H. ST. GEORGE TUCKER, D.D.*
- Address of Welcome  
*The Governor of Virginia, HON. GEORGE C. PEERY*
- Music *How Firm a Foundation*
- Address in Behalf of the National Advisory Board  
*Right Reverend THOMAS F. GAILOR, D.D.*
- Dedicatory Address *Dr. DOUGLAS SOUTHALL FREEMAN*
- Benediction *Major GILES B. COOKE*
- Music: National Anthem *Star-Spangled Banner*

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