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## **Announcement**

**Sunday, January 19, 2025 at Noon**

**130th General Court of the California Society**

**Co-Host Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution**

To Warriors, Ladies and Guests:

**Susan Juster, Ph.D.**

**Director of Research at the Huntington Library**

**“Research Fellows & Colonial Era Records at the Huntington”**

The California Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America; Order of the First Families of Maryland; Society of the War of 1812-CA; and the California Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars

**The Valley Hunt Club  
520 Orange Grove Blvd  
Pasadena, California 91105**

By Order of the Governor. *Nicholas A. Koffmann, Secretary*

This Event's Dress Code: Business Attire, Society Tie, Rosette

**In Memoriam**

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**James Charles McHargue**

Admitted to Membership on May 16, 1995

*11th from Rev. John Wilson, 1588-1667*

*& 65 Supplemental Applications*

August 14, 2024 Detroit, Michigan

**Duane William Wheeler**

Admitted to Membership on September 27, 2008

*10th from Lt. Thomas Minor, 1608-1690*

August 16, 2024 Murrieta, California



**California Society News**

The Winter Court will be held at the Valley Hunt Club in May or June 2025.

The 44th General Assembly of the General Society of Colonial Wars will be held in Richmond, Virginia, from September 18-21, 2025.

Mark your calendars!

NOTE: If your e-mail address is not on file, or if you are unsure if it is on file or current, please contact Deputy Governor General Renouf at [usina@aol.com](mailto:usina@aol.com).

## **Our Program**

### **“Research Fellows & Colonial Era Records at the Huntington”**

Dr. Juster will speak on the Huntington Library’s program for short- and long-term research fellows. As Director of Research, she oversees the selection, research topics and publication of the work of some 150 Huntington research fellows each year. Dr. Juster will explain how she plans to administer the new annual Samuel Victor Constant/James C. McHargue Fellowship that the National and California Societies of Colonial Wars will establish by each contributing \$50,000 to the fund. The California Society joins the Virginia, Massachusetts, Delaware, Florida and the District of Columbia societies with the sixth Samuel Victor Constant program. Each year, Dr. Juster will select a candidate conducting graduate level research in the Colonial period to receive a \$5,000 scholarship. Additionally, she will describe the Huntington’s collection of prominent research materials from the Colonial era.

## **Our Speaker**

### **Susan Juster, Ph.D.**

Dr. Susan Juster is the W.M. Keck Director of Research at the Huntington Library, Art Museums and Botanical Gardens. Prior to joining the Huntington, she was the Rhys Isaac Collegiate Professor of History at the University of Michigan.

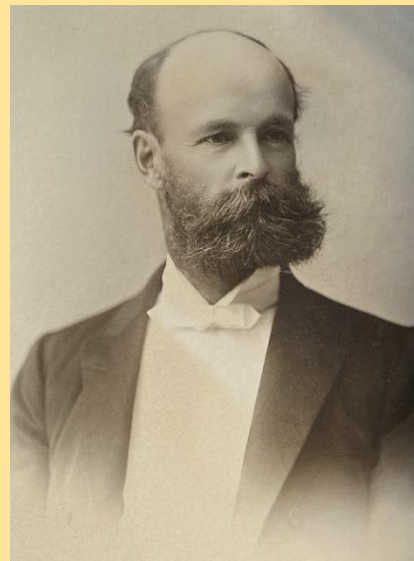
She is a graduate of Brown University and the University of Michigan, where she received a Ph.D. in history. She is the author of several books on religion in Colonial America, including *Sacred Violence in Early America*; *Doomsayers: Anglo-American Prophecy in the Age of Revolution*; *Disorderly Women: Sexual Politics and Evangelicalism in Revolutionary New England* (Winner of the 1995 Louis Gottschalk Prize from the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies); and *A Common Grave: The Ritual and Material Lives of Catholics in English America* (forthcoming).

# Notable Member Biography

## Capt. Josiah Alonzo Osgood (1842-1927)

CA No. 11, GS No. 1199

Josiah Alonzo Osgood was born on December 6, 1842 in Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. He was the son of John Hamilton Osgood (1807-1887), a merchant and auctioneer, and Adeline T. Stevens (1808-1875). Josiah was raised in Chelsea, Massachusetts. Josiah Osgood was 5-feet, 8-inches tall, with grey eyes, and chestnut hair.



In 1859, Josiah was enrolled in Phillips Exeter Academy, and studied Mechanical Engineering. Josiah Osgood enlisted as a private on October 18, 1861 in Company C, 24th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. Private Osgood's regiment was sent to the front lines under General Burnside. On December 1, 1861, he was promoted to corporal, and was assigned to the Color Guard. He served during the expedition through North Carolina, participating in the battles at Roanoke Island, New Berne, Little Washington, and Tranter's Creek. On October 30, 1862, Josiah Osgood received a commission as a captain. He was discharged on November 5, 1862 from the 24th Regiment. The previous day, he mustered in as Captain of Company K, 47th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, serving under Col. Lucius Marsh. While serving in Louisiana, the swampy conditions ravaged Josiah Osgood, until he weighed only 115 pounds. Josiah's regiment mustered out on September 1, 1863 at Readville, Massachusetts. Josiah Osgood attempted to re-enlist, but his poor physical condition as he was recovering from disease prevented him from re-joining the military.

Josiah Osgood decided to travel to Europe for a year to recuperate from his illness. He applied for a passport, and took an oath of allegiance on June 15, 1864. In 1865, he returned to live with his parents at 59 Broadway in Chelsea, Massachusetts. In 1867, Josiah enrolled at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1867, Josiah Osgood, a member of the **Star of Bethlehem Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons**, was one of the petitioners for a charter for another Masonic lodge in Chelsea, Massachusetts.

On November 24, 1868, Josiah Osgood married Ella Myrick in the First Congregational Church in Dublin, New Hampshire, and they had two children: Ada M. Osgood (1870-1889), and John Hamilton Osgood (1873-1936). They lived with his parents in Chelsea.

In 1870, Josiah Osgood graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in surveying. In 1870, Josiah and Ella Osgood were living in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Josiah was a hub manufacturer. In 1874, Josiah Osgood joined the **Massachusetts Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States** (No. 1513). Ella Myrick Osgood died on July 20, 1877, in Needham, Massachusetts.

On October 8, 1878, Josiah Osgood married Caroline Lincoln Jenness in Needham, Massachusetts. Josiah invented a metallic packing for piston rods, and received US Patent No. 226,624 on April 20, 1880.

In January 1887, Josiah and Caroline Osgood moved to Los Angeles, California, and purchased Lot 13 in Hosmer's subdivision of the Sierra Madre tract for \$550. He joined **Stanton Post No. 55, Grand Army of the Republic** in Los Angeles, and later was Commander of the post. In 1889, Josiah Osgood transferred his membership in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion from the Massachusetts Commandery to the California Commandery. On 31 July 1890, Captain Josiah Osgood filed for an invalid pension for his service in the Civil War, which was approved. In 1892, Josiah Osgood was a surveyor living at 1415 W. Pico Blvd. in Los Angeles.

In 1893, Josiah Osgood joined the **Sons of the Revolution in California** (CA No. 16) on the service of his ancestor Private Benjamin Osgood (1754-1824). On November 30, 1895, Josiah Osgood became a charter member (GS No. 1199, CA No. 11) of the **Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California**. He served as Gentleman of the Council from 1895-1896, and 1899-1902.

In 1900, Josiah and Caroline Osgood were living at 1861 12th Street in Los Angeles, and Josiah was a civil engineer. In 1909, the El Reposo Sanitarium for tuberculosis victims was established in Sierra Madre. Captain Josiah Osgood planned to subdivide portions of the El Reposo Ranch for a village named Havilah to house patients who preferred to bring their families, and be close enough to the sanitarium for medical treatment.

After months of illness, Caroline Jenness Osgood died of heart disease on March 3, 1927, at her home in Sierra Madre, California. Josiah Alonzo Osgood died on December 19, 1927, in Sierra Madre, California. He was buried next to his second wife Caroline Osgood in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

# **Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California**

*Instituted on November 30, 1895*

*Chartered on December 19, 1895*

*Incorporated in the State of California on February 4, 1907*

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