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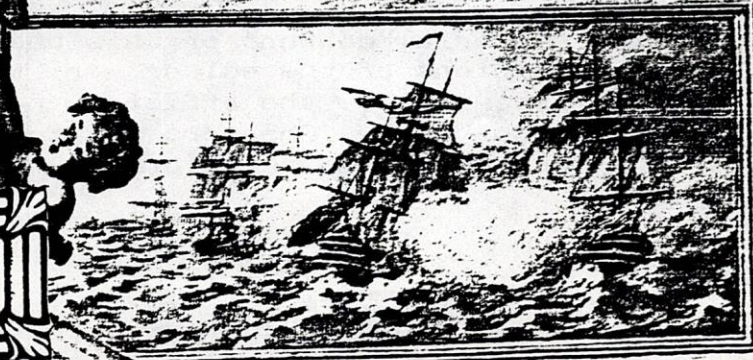
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THE FATHER OF THE U.S. NAVY
CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES

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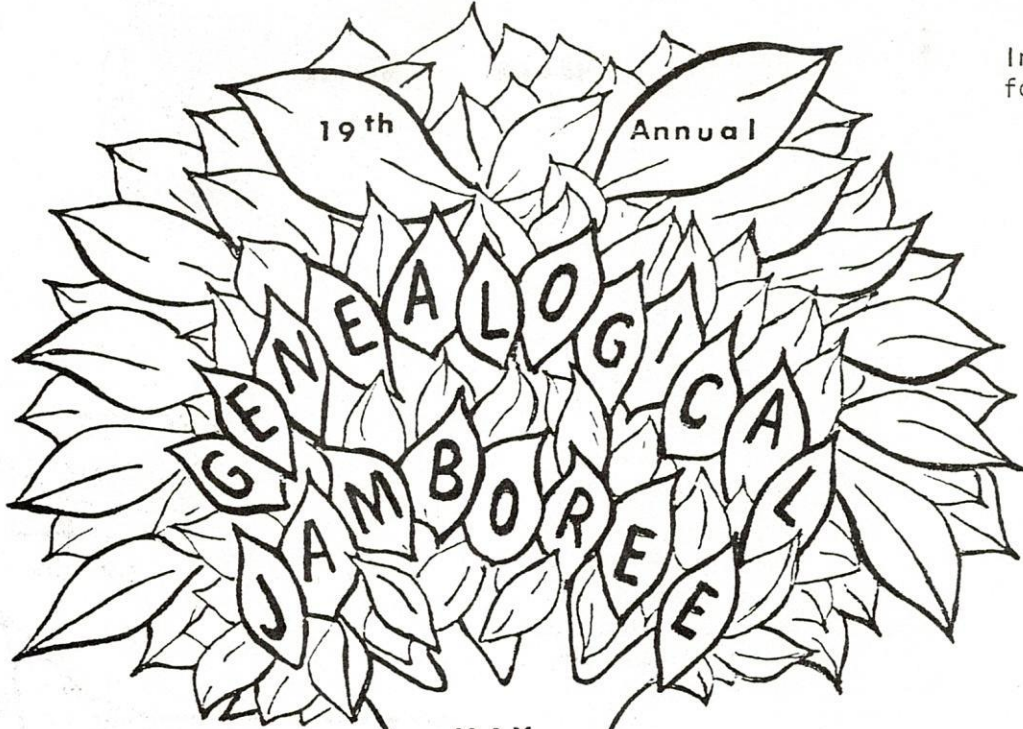
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TERRACE ROOM - Upper Level of Auditorium - Scheduled Lectures:

10:15 - 11:00 DON RAY: Documenting 20th Century Evidence
11:30 - 12:15 WENDY ELLIOTT: Burned County Records: Other Sources
12:45 - 1:30 LELAND MEITZLER: Gen. Evidence - The Good, The Bad & The Ugly
2:00 - 2:45 ARLENE EAKLE: New Immigration Sources

CONFERENCE ROOM - Lower Level of Auditorium - Scheduled Lectures:

10:30 - 11:15 WILLIAM DURNING: Our Irish and Scots Ancestors
11:45 - 12:30 NETTI SCHREINER-YANTIS: Virginia Research Using Tax Lists & Laws
1:00 - 1:45 BILL DOLLARHIDE: Evidence: Manual vs. Computer
2:15 - 3:00 JOHN CERNY: Family Traditions: There is no Truth Without Proof

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WHAT IS THE JAMBOREE?

The JAMBOREE is the annual genealogical exhibition sponsored by the *Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc.* (SCGS). It has been referred to as "like a county fair - only instead of animals there are genealogical items." Both floors of the auditorium are filled with displays and The JAMBOREE has been praised as, "The BEST annual one-day genealogical event west of the Mississippi." In fact one JAMBOREE vendor has said, "I consider the Genealogical JAMBOREE to be the Premier Genealogical event in the United States." *Heritage Quest #11, Leland Meitzler.*

Two Floors of the auditorium house exhibits of genealogical, historical and hereditary societies, family associations, adoptive organizations and vendors. Items available for purchase range from genealogical charts and forms; family and county histories and "how-to" books to bumper stickers, kilts, maps, crafts and books.

More than 150 SCGS volunteers traditionally staff:

State tables which include: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, all of New England, New Jersey, New York, North and South Carolina, North and South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

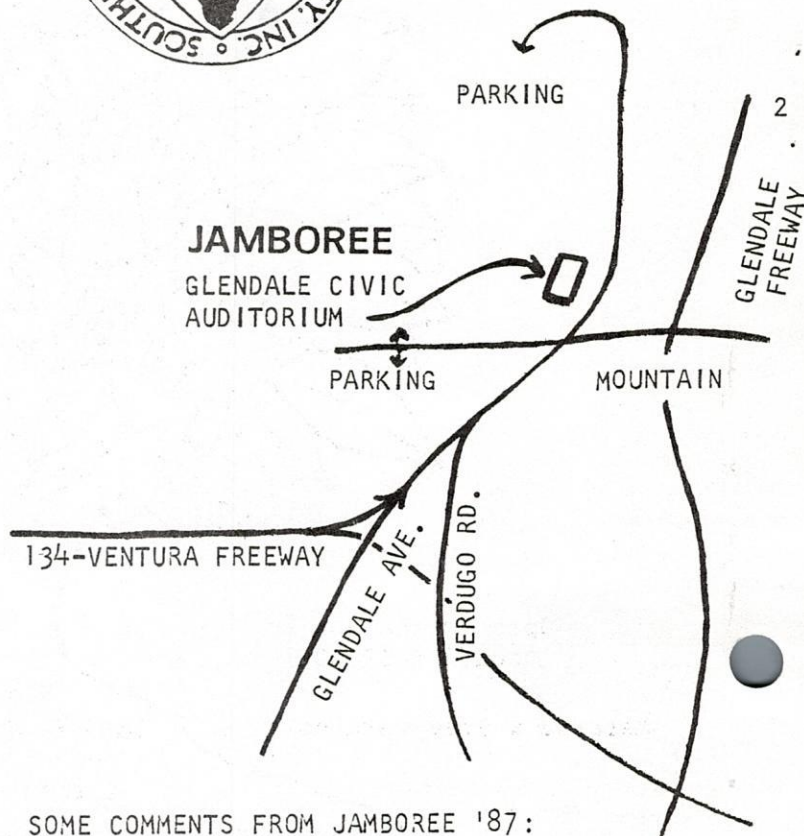
Country tables which include: Belgium, Czechoslovakia, England, French Canada, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Norway, Finland and Denmark.

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SOME COMMENTS FROM JAMBOREE '87:

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"....the genealogical resources available under one roof is beyond belief. Suggestions and advice received from the many professionals available was to say the least, generous and helpful."
Pomona Valley Genealogical Society

CHAPTER MEETING
NOTICE

MONDAY, 25 APRIL 1988



The Chapter's monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 25th, 1988 at LEON'S STEAK HOUSE, at the corner of Victory Blvd. and Vineland Ave. in North Hollywood, California. 6:30 P.M. for Cocktails - 7:00 P.M. for dinner from the menu.

THIS WILL BE A BUSINESS MEETING.

Please advise the Secretary if you plan on attending, we must advise the restaurant on the number to expect.

CASSAR MEETING
NOTICE



The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution will be held at Monterey, California on APRIL 29th and 30th.

The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. is entitled to three delegates. The Chapter President, or his alternate, and two delegates. Compatriots Moran and Robertson, who plan on attending are elected State officers and can not represent the Chapter. If you wish to attend a marvelous meeting in historic Monterey as a delegate or an alternate please contact the Chapter's Secretary.

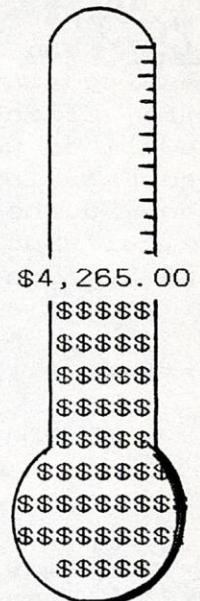
At the luncheon on Saturday, the guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. Robert Gard. At the evening banquet, President-General Carson will be the guest speaker. The posting of the colors will be done by the 7th infantry's Colonial Color Guard and Drum and Fife corp, U.S. Army.

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Contributions to the Chapter's Permanent fund are Tax Deductible and an excellent way to assist the Chapter in continuing it's many programs. The interest earned on the permanent fund in 1987 was equivalent to twenty (20) members, without the usual membership related expenses. Please consider making a contribution to this fund and help assure that our Chapter continues the goals of the S.A.R.

1889 - 1989
A CENTURY OF
COMMITMENT



TO OUR NATION'S
HERITAGE

THE CHAPTER'S
CONDOLENCES

The Chapter extends it's deepest sympathy to Compatriot Donald R. McDowell and his family for the passing away on March 3rd, of his wife, Elizabeth F. Binker. Known to all of us as "Frankie". Donald and Frankie were very active in the Southern California Genealogical Society as well as the S.A.R. Frankie will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

COMPATRIOTS
IN THE
NEWS

Hilo Van Wagoner has been accepted into membership of the Founders and Patriots and the Holland Society of New York.

Compatriot Robert Warwick celebrated his 80th on March 27. (his birthday was inadvertently omitted from last month's Compatriots in the News birthday section.

BIRTHDAYS

- KEITH GOUGER - - - - - 04/15
- ROBERT C. EMREY - - - - - 04/16
- D.F. "Bill" SEMERAU - - - - 04/19
- JEFFREY L. TOWERY - - - - - 04/27
- NED ROBERTSON - - - - - 04/28

ANNIVERSARIES

- GEORGE & MARY VAN DORN - 04/11/56
- TROY & BETTY REED - - - 04/23/49
- NED & ROXANNE ROBERTSON- 04/27/79

OUR VETERAN'S
BOOK DRIVE

Chairman Berni K. Campbell advises that our collecting of Paperback books is doing well, but cautions that we should not become complacent about our efforts, or assume that someone else will do it! Remember bring your paperback books to the next meeting.

OUR ROTC PROGRAM

The Chapter has added yet another University to our list of Senior R.O.T.C. units awarded the Silver R.O.T.C. Medal or sword/sabre. The University of Guam has an Army R.O.T.C. unit, but there is no S.A.R. Chapter's located on that U.S. Protectorate.

When the problem arose, in the tradition that the San Fernando Valley Chapter has become famous for, we stepped forward and volunteered to sponsor the Award. The Professor of Military Science of the University of Guam will make the presentation on our behalf.

THE SAN FERNANDO
VALLEY CHAPTER
TO CREATE A NEW
S.A.R. CHAPTER

Compatriot Donald N. Moran addressed the Antelope Valley Genealogical Soc. this month and discovered a great interest in the S.A.R. and the creation of a new Chapter in the fast growing Antelope Valley. At the March meeting it was unanimously agreed that the Chapter sponsor this new Chapter. It will be created entirely with new members and transfers.

"TAPS"
 COMPATRIOT ARTHUR GRIFFITH BRUNER
 02 JULY 1903 - 21 MARCH 1988



Commander ARTHUR GRIFFITH BRUNER, U.S.N. (Retired) and member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. died of congestive heart and kidney failure on March 21st, 1988 at the Veteran's Hospital, Seattle, Washington. He was 84 years old, but he had friends in every age group because of his keen intellect, sense of humor and optimistic outlook. Born in Omaha, Nebraska, July 2, 1903 Commander Bruner was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, graduating with the class of 1927. He completed flight school and torpedo school and served aboard several warships. From 1930 to 1933 he served aboard the U.S.S. Mindanao flagship of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet on China Patrol as the Communication Officer, for which he received many Commendations. During his tour of Duty in China he became ill and was hospitalized for over a year. In December 1941, and during World War two, Commander Bruner was stationed at San Pedro, California, as the Assistance Port Director, routing ships to Asiatic ports. He received many commendations for his work during World War II. He was retired in 1946 for a service connected disability. Reentering post war civilian life, Compatriot Bruner first became

Assistant Director of Operations for the Los Angeles City Schools. Later, in 1947, he went into the Real Estate Business. He helped to subdivide and developed such areas' as Dana Point, San Clemente, and La Canada. Eventually, in the later 1950s, after attending Stanford University and U.C.L.A., he became a Real Estate Appraiser. Residing in La Canada for over forty years, Compatriot Bruner was an active member of the Rotary Club. He served as a Trustee of La Canada Presbyterian Church and helped plan the present sanctuary. He and Gertrude are still members. Arthur was truly one of La Canada's pioneers.



COMMANDER ARTHUR G. BRUNER,
 U.S.Navy, Retired.

Arthur and his wife, Elizabeth Gertrude Davis Bruner, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October of 1987. They were a loving and romantic couple. They had one Child a daughter, Mrs.

Judith Ann Bruner Kawabori, born on August 21, 1939

Arthur joined our Chapter because of his deep love of American History. His father, Howard Bruner joined the Society in 1919. They were descendants of Andrew Bruner who served with the Pennsylvania Militia. Arthur's grandfather, James B. Bruner of Pennsylvania fought for the Union during the American Civil War.


Compatriot Bruner's Grandson, Justin Bruner Kawabori has filed his S.A.R. application and should receive his membership shortly, continuing this proud family tradition.

Compatriot Bruner and his wife Gertrude have long been active in Los Angeles County and California State Republican politics, being invited to several inaugurations.

Those of us who were privileged to know Arthur knew him to be the consummate American gentlemen, because of his impeccable manners, his gentle heart, and his love of America. He was a true American Patriot in the most traditional sense of that word and will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

THE
S.A.R.'S EULOGY



ompatriot Audel H. Hicks represented the Sons of American Revolution at the March 28th services for Compatriot Arthur B. Bruner. The following is the eulogy he gave.

"Ladies and Gentlemen. My name is Audel Hicks representing the Sons of the American Revolution which is an organization of male descendants of those Patriots who, during the

Revolutionary War, rendered loyal service to the cause of winning freedom from England. Today our expressed objectives are "Patriotic", "Historical" and "Educational". Compatriot Arthur Bruner was one of us, as was his father. Howard, before him. Soon we hope that Justin, their Great-Grandson and Grandson will join us as well

The Bruners' loyalty to this Country goes back almost to the day that the Declaration of Independence was Declared on July 4th, 1776. Five days later on July ninth their ancestor, Andrew Bruner, joined the 2nd Battalion of the Northampton County, Pennsylvania Militia. When this Country was wracked with dissension and disunity during the war between the States, Andrew's four grandsons, including our Arthur's Grandfather, James B. Bruner, fought for unity on the side of the North.

With such love for Country and fervid patriotism existing in this family, it is little wonder that Compatriot Bruner entered the United States Naval Academy from which he graduated in 1927 and began a Naval career that would take him through World War Two. This brilliant career ended in 1946 when he was given a medical discharge. But his love of Country burned on.

This Country exists today because of people like the Bruners - - - Andrew, James B. Howard and our Arthur! We, the members of the Sons of the American Revolution and, indeed, ALL patriotic Americans salute them. More in particular at this sad moment in our history, we salute you - - Arthur! Farewell and God Speed.!"

Compatriot Audel H. Hicks
San Fernando Valley Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution
28 March 1988

CHIEF OF POLICE DAVID J. THOMPSON
AWARDED THE S.A.R.'S
LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL

The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. at it's March 26th meeting honored Glendale's Chief of Police DAVID J. THOMPSON by presenting him with the S.A.R.'s Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate.

Chief Thompson addressed the Chapter telling all those present of the efforts of the Glendale Police Departments efforts to deal with crime in the 1980's. the City of Glendale is the fifth largest City in California with a population of 155,257. Of the 31 California with populations of more than 100,000, it is ranked the safest city in the State

In 1982 the city suddenly became a center for narcotics. The sellers of drugs can buy a kilo of cocaine for \$500. from South America and resell it here for \$22,000. According to the Chief, those profits make it impossible to stop it sale. It can only be stopped by eliminating the use of the substance. Today, over a 100 Billion dollars is the price tag on Drug related crime and drug enforcement. It is generally one fourth of the average police budget. Glendale's Anti-drug program is one of the best in the Nation and as a result Glendale has a much lower drug-crime. Gang-drug problems

have yet to reach Glendale, as they plague neighboring Los Angeles. However, with Congress impounding the 80% of the value of seized dope dealer's property, the advantage is in the criminal's corner.

A method of measuring how well a Chief of Police is doing is by the total amount of the lawsuits pending against him. The norm is \$1,500,000. Chief David Thompson now has \$27,000,000. in lawsuits against him. Recently a hate group, The American Nazi Party announced they were holding a rally at Glendale Library on a Sunday Chief Thompson would not deny them their right to assemble. Unfortunately an administrative error scheduled the building to steam cleaned that day, as well tree trimmers working on the library's trees, and naturally, "street-sweepers" were supporting the effort. Good police work - avoiding a possible confrontation. Glendale's remarkable law enforcement record is the direct result of the marvelous leadership provided by Chief David J. Thompson.



CHIEF DAVID J. THOMPSON AND
PRESIDENT D.F. "BILL" SEMERAU

Chapter President Bill Semerau presented the S.A.R.'s Law Enforcement Medal to Chief Thompson. It was well deserved.

ELLEN PERRY,
CALIFORNIA'S "WOMEN OF THE YEAR"
GIVEN THE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. at it's March 26th meeting honored Mrs. Ellen Perry "CALIFORNIA'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR" by presenting her with the SAR's Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and accompanying certificate.

Ellen Perry, a longtime Glendale activist was named Woman of the year during a special ceremony in Sacramento on March 7th, She was nominated for the honor by Assemblyman Pat Nolan for her work with the handicapped children, and the elderly.

California Assembly Speaker, Willie Brown presented her with a proclamation from the State Legislature listing her hundreds of awards and affiliations over more that 20 years. "It was a very impressive afternoon" Ellen Perry said. Asked if being named "Woman of the Year" would give her any more pull in Sacramento, she said, "Pat (Nolan) and I have been pals for a long time, and that will continue. He's always helped me out with what I've been doing, and this is just another acknowledgement. I'm very pleased by the award; It's very exciting.

Mrs. Perry has been active in Glendale for many years with the Boy Scouts, Little League Organ-

izations, the handicapped, the elderly, underprivileged children and many other causes.

She also has been active with the mayor's task force on racism in Glendale.

Mrs. Perry has devoted time to the PTA, Campfire Girls, the American Red Cross and other organizations, and also finds time to write regularly for for the News-Press. She has received several writing awards from the California Press Women and the National Press Women's Federation. she continues to work for her causes and write despite the fact she has been partially blind for the past four years.



MRS. ELLEN PERRY AND CHAPTER PRESIDENT D.F. "BILL" SEMERAU

"I woke up on my birthday one day and there was a black dot in my left eye. Two days later, the sight in that eye was almost gone, and it was going in the other." she said. "I don't let it slow me down much, though." President. D.F. "Bill" Semerau presented Mrs. Perry with the Sons of the American Revolution's Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and certificate. Ellen was most appreciative, remarking that she is eligible for D.A.R. membership and shares our objectives of Patriotism, Education and History.

MISS HEATHER CONSOLI
WINS THE CHAPTER'S
THE DOUGLAS G. HIGH ORATION CONTEST

The San Fernando Valley Chapter conducted its Douglas G. High Oration Contest at the April 26th meeting. This National Contest is held annually all over the Country. The various Chapter's select their "winner" than compete at the State level. The state's "winners", if deemed strong enough than are provided an all expense paid trip to the S.A.R.'s National Congress, where they compete against other contestants from all over the Country. The contest was started in 1945 by Compatriot Douglas G. High. He was motivated by his strong sence of patriotism and began a Cincinnati oration contest in one of the local high schools. It was a contest designed to explore an incident in American History of the Revolutionary War that might be mirrored in life of America today.



HEATHER CONSOLI AND ROBERT EMREY

The contest caught on, spread throughout the Nation, and was adopted as a national contest by the NSSAR. It took the name of its originator Douglas G. High.

The contestants compete at the Chapter, than the State and if excellant at the National Society, at the annual Congress. They must give a speech of not less than five minutes nor more than six, without benifit of notes, and are judged on logic,

Composition, Delivery, Significance, General Delivery and ability to stay within the allotted time frame. The winners at the Chapter level are generally awarded a certificate, and some Chapters, including the San Fernando Valley Chapter, offer a small scholarship. The State Society winners usually are presented with a larger scholarship, and if the contestant is superior, a State Society paid trip to the National Congress. There are three

Scholarships awarded by the National Society. S.A.R. in addition to the all expense trip to the National Congress, this year being held in Washington, D.C.

.....The Chapters invited thirty-two high school students to compete at Chapter level. Our judges were: Vice-President Robert C. Emrey, Charles Pitchford, James McKellep, Audel H. Hicks, Walter H. Walley. They unamiously selected a winner, MISS

HEATHER CONSOLI. She was presented with a certificate of participation, a medal and it's certificate and the Chapter's Scholarship.

The Compatriots of the Chapter agreed to sponsor HEATHER at the State Contest. Heather and her parents agreed and will be at the Admiral Kidd Club in San Diego where the State Contest will be held on April 16th, 1988. Good luck Heather !

THE CAPTAIN AND THE COUNTESS



Helen, Countess of Selkirk



Captain John Paul Jones



In April 9th, 1778, Captain John Paul Jones set sail from Brest, France aboard his new command, the U.S.S. Ranger, an eighteen gun Sloop of War. His mission was the interception, capture or destroy British shipping, thereby disrupting the British war effort. He had hoped to accomplish this by raiding English shipping close to their own shores. If successful, the Royal Navy would have to increase the number of warships patrolling their own coastline.

Captain Jones was the very man to accomplish this mission. He was very familiar with the west coast of England, Ireland and Scotland. He had sailed those waters for several years.

He also hoped to resolve the problem of captured American Sailors, being treated as criminals rather than legitimate prisoners of war.

The Captain did have problems. He was dissatisfied with both his ship and crew. The Ranger, built in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and manned by a crew from that American seaport. The crew wanted to participate in the privateering, which would provide them with excellent profits. Some of the Officers, all of whom were also from Portsmouth received Jones's Commission. The Ranger itself was not the best handling ship in the Continental Navy. It had a tendency to heel too far over on her sides. In eighteenth century naval warfare this could be a fatal flaw. It gave an enemy the opportunity of piercing her hull well below the waterline, insuring her sinking. Jones had the masts, which were too heavy, moved further aft for better balance. His New England crew numbered less than 150, including Marines. His main armament was 18 nine pounders, mounted nine to a side. But, owing to the lack of gun powder, the crew was not

permitted to fire live ammunition, but rather simply went thru the motions. As imperfect as the crew and the 110 foot sloop-of-war was, Jones was determined and set sail from Brest for the promising Irish Sea. Four days out, the Ranger captured the brig Dolphin which was transporting flaxseed from Ostend to Wexford. To save having to deplete the size of his crew by sending some back to Brest as a prize crew, Captain John Paul Jones ordered the brig the Dolphin scuttled. Off Wicklow the Ranger captured the "Lord Chatham" 250 tons and loaded with a hundred hogheads of English Port. Jones placed Lt. John Seward in Command of the prize crew and order him to sail for Brest. France to be sold.

Off the Northern cape of the Isle of Man, The U.S.S. Ranger was challenged by H.M.S. Hussar. Captain Gurley of the Hussar thought the Ranger looked suspicious and ordered her to stop for boarding. At that point, Captain Jones order Gurley to surrender and ran out his starboard batteries. Gurley, seeing that he was completely out-gunned decided to try and outrun the Ranger. In the attempt, he proved himself an able seaman by only sustaining three hits. One hit the Stern and two holed the Hussar's main mast. With the escape of the Hussar, the Royal Navy would soon be aware of the presence of the Ranger be lokking for her.

John Paul Jones decided that he would continue his plan and

attack the port of Whitehaven, England. Enroute Jones encountered a Scottish schooner, took the crew prisoner and sank the vessel. A fishing boat was stopped and from the fisherman Jones learned that the H.M.S. Drake, a 20-gun Sloop was moored in Belfast Lough. Jones decided to attack her in broad daylight, but his crew had little stomach for such a battle. They did agree to make the attempt to capture the warship that night

Unfortunately the the Ranger overshoot the Drake and made the attack all but impossible Jones called the action before he was detected. The two war ships were destined to meet another day On April 22 Jones entered the Whitehaven harbor. His plan was for a fast "hit-and-run" attack, burning the shipping there in the harbor. He did not plan to "Invade England"

..... as some historians have claimed. Again, Jones had crew problems. The propaganda value of such an attack were wasted on his men. All they were interested in was prize money. Jones prevailed and a landing party was sent ashore, but not after a near mutiny. After successfully spiking the guns of both defensive batteries, Whitehaven was in American hands. The mutinous nature of his crew and a traitor named David Smith, an Irishman, who ran off and warned the towns people, ruined his plans. Jones had the ship "Thompson" burned. Jones than left Whitehaven, having led the first attack on English soil since 1667, when the Dutch burned the coastal town of Sheerness.



Although John Paul Jones thought his attack on Whitehaven a complete failure, the effects were far reaching. All over coastal England the militia was called out. The Whitehaven newspaper published a special edition detailing the "Invasion". The entire story was reprinted in the London "Morning Post". Charges were leveled at the Government for laxness and leaving the coast defenceless. The Royal Navy was told to protect the coast at all costs.

Jones then hit upon a plan to release many of the U.S. seaman held in English Prisons as sea bandits rather than prisoners of war. He would sail north and kidnap the Earl of Selkirk.

We do not know why he decided on this venture, nor why he selected a minor nobleman like the Earl for his hostage scheme. We can assume that Jones had an inflated image of the importance of the Selkirk Earldom. Jones had been born in a cottage at Arbigland, Scotland, only thirty-five miles from the Selkirk estate. When growing up, the Earl would have been the most

important nobleman that young John Paul (he later added the Jones) would have come in contact with. Scotland in the mid-seventeenth century was still closely tied to the feudal system.

On April 23rd, the U.S.S. Ranger sailed into Kirkcudbright Bay. By 11:00 A.M. the Ranger's cutter, fully manned, including Captain Jones, was beached on the narrow peninsula that was Saint Mary's Isle.

Immediately under Captain Jones was crew master David Cullam and Lieutenant of Marines Samuel Wallingford and an assortment of seaman, all armed to the teeth.

The Captain encountered one of the estate's gardeners and learned that the Earl was not at home. On receiving this unwelcome news, Jones turned his second invasion party around and started back to his waiting cutter. His two junior officers recommended that they at least be allowed to take the valuables from the manor house. This was an acceptable practice in 18th century warfare. Jones agreed on



The Earl of Selkirk's Manor House on St. Mary's Isle in 1893.

condition that only the officers enter the Earl's residence, and that they harm no one, damage nothing and take only the silver. Cullam and Wallingford agreed to the restrictions and returned to the house. Captain Jones returned to the waiting cutter.

The two officers entered the manor house and found it occupied by Lady Helen, the Countess of Selkirk, her eight year old son and his seven younger sisters, Mrs. Mary Elliot, the children's governess, Mrs. Wood, widow of the late governor of the Isle of Man and her three young daughters, Daniel the butler and several other domestic servants.

The Countess saw some "horrid-looking wretches" fully armed surrounding the house. She, at first thought they were pirates, As a precaution she sent Mrs. Wood, all of the children and the maid servants to the upper floor of the manor, while she, Mrs Elliot and Daniel the butler faced the intruders.

The next day, the Countess wrote to the Earl and described the days events. She wrote that the two officers identified themselves as being "from the frigate Ranger, Captain Paul Jones Esq. Commanding and that they were instructed to carry away her household silver. If she complied they would neither search the house nor make any further trouble." The Countess controlled her emotions and did as they wished. Daniel, the butler attempted to hide some of the silver, but the Countess reprimanded him sternly. She went on to write her husband that the senior of the two officers "had a

a vile blackguard look, still kept civil as well he might". Of Lieutenant Wallingford she wrote: "was a civil young man in a green uniform, an anchor on his buttons which were white, and wore a blue greatcoat. He seemed naturally well bred and not to like his employment."

After gathering up the family silver, Jones's men left the house and returned to the Ranger.

On the return trip the Ranger fought a deadly sea battle with the H.M.S. Drake, forcing the British twenty gun man-of-war to unconditionally surrender. In that action Lieutenant of Marines Samuel Wallingford was killed.



LADY SELKIRK'S "SILVER" STILL BELONGS TO THE SELKIRK FAMILY, HAVING BEEN RETURNED BY JONES

When John Paul Jones was told by his men how the Countess of Selkirk conducted herself during the "raid", he apparently felt remorse. He wrote a letter to her, obviously with great care and no doubt several drafts, dating it May 8th, 1778, and showing it as having been written at Brest, France. He then dispatched the letter to the Countess.

This letter is so characteristic of the romantic streak in the famed Captain's character, that it must be read in it's entirety to fully appreciated Jones's conception of the war.

RANGER, BREST, 8th MAY, 1778

MADAM: - -

It cannot be too much lamented that in the profession of Arms, the Officer of fine feelings, and of real sensibility, should be under the necessity of winking at any action of Persons under his command, which his heart cannot approve: - - but the reflection is doubly severe when he finds himself Obligated, in appearance, to countenance such Action by his Authority.

This hard case was mine when on the 23^d of April last I landed on St. Mary's Isle. Knowing Lord Selkirk's interest with his King, esteeming as I do his private Character; I wished to make him the happy Instrument of alleviating the horrors of hopeless captivity, when the brave are overpowered and made Prisoners of War.

It was perhaps fortunate for you Madam that he was from home; for it was my intention to have taken him on board the Ranger, and to have detained him till thro' his means, a general and fair exchange of Prisoners, as well in Europe as in America had been effected.

When I was informed by some Men whom I met at landing, that his Lordship was absent; I walked back to the Boat determineing to leave the Island: by the way, however, some Officers who were with me could not forbear expressing their discontent; observing that in America no delicacy was shown by the English; who took away all sorts of moveable Property, setting Fire not only to Towns and to Houses of the rich without distinction; but not even sparing the wretched hamlets and Milch Cows of the poor and helpless at the approach of an inclement Winter. That party had been with me, as Volunteers, the same morning at White Haven; some complaisance therefore was their due. I had but a moment to think how to gratify them, and at the same time do your Ladyship the least Injury. I charged the Two Officers to permit none of the Seamen to enter the House, or to hurt anything about it -- To treat you, Madam, with the utmost Respect -- to accept of the plate which was offered -- and to come away without making a search or demanding anything else.

I am induced to believe that I was punctually Obeyed; since I am informed that the plate which they brought away is far short of the Inventory which accompanied it. I have gratified my Men; and when the plate is sold, I shall become the Purchaser, and I will gratify me own feelings by restoring it to you, by such conveyance as you shall be pleased to direct.

Had the Earl been on board the Ranger the following Evening he would seen the awful Pomp and dreadful Carnage of a Sea Engagement, both affording ample subject for the Pencil, as well as melancholy reflection for the contemplative mind. Humanity starts back from such scenes of horror, and cannot be execrate the vile Promoters of this detested War.

For they, t'was they unsheath'd the ruthless blade,
And Heav'n shall ask the Havock it has made.

The British Ship of War, DRAKE, mounting 20 guns, with more than her full complement of Officers and Men, besides a number of volunteers, came out from Carrickfergus, in order to attack and take the American Continental Ship of War RANGER, of 18 guns and short of her complement of Officers and Men. The Ships met, and the advantage was disputed with great fortitude on each side for an Hour and Five minutes, when the gallant Commander of the DRAKE fell, and Victory declared in favor of the RANGER. his amiable Lieutenant lay Mortally wounded. A melancholy demonstration of the uncertainty of human prospects, and of the sad reverse of fortune which an hour can produce. I buried them in a spacious grave, with the Honors due to the memory of the brave.

Tho' I have drawn my Sword in the present generous Struggle for the rights of Men; yet I am not in Arms as an American, nor am I in pursuit of Riches. My Fortune is liberal enough, having no Wife nor Family, and having lived long enough to know that Riches cannot ensure Happiness. I profess myself a Citizen of the World, totally unfettered by the little mean distinctions of Climate or of Country, which diminish the benevolence of the hearts and set bounds to Philanthropy. Before this War began I had at an early time of life, withdrawn from the Sea service, in favor of "calm contemplation and Poetic ease." I have sacrificed not only my favorite scheme of life, but the softer Affections of the Heart and my prospects of Domestic Happiness: -- And I am ready to sacrifice Life also with cheerfulness -- if that forfeiture could restore Peace and Goodwill among mankind.

As the feelings of your gentle Bosom cannot be congenial with mine -- let me entreat you Madam to use your soft persuasive Arts with your Husband to endeavor to stop this Cruel and destructive War, in which Britain can never succeed. Heaven can never countenance the barbarous and unmanly Practices of the Britons in America, which savages would blush at; and which if not discontinued will be soon retaliated in Britain by a justly enraged People. -- Should you fail in this, (for I am persuaded you will attempt it; and who can resist the power of such an Advocate?) Your endeavours to effect a general exchange of Prisoners, will be an Act of Humanity, which will afford you Golden feelings on a Death bed. I hope this cruel contest will soon be closed; but should it continue, I wage no War with the Fair. I acknowledge their Power, and bend before it with profound Submission; let not therefore the Amiable Countess of Selkirk regard me as an Enemy. I am ambitious of her esteem and Friendship, and would do anything consistant with my duty to merit it.

The honor of a Line from your hand in Answer to this will lay me under a very singular Obligation; and if I can render you any acceptable service in France or elsewhere, I hope you see into my character so far as to command me without the least gain of reserve.

I wish to know exactly the behavior of my People, as I determine to punish them if they have exceeded their Liberty.

I have the Honor to be with much Esteem and with profound Respect,

Madam,

Your most Obeidient and most humble Servant
Jno P. Jones

THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER,
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27th, 1988



The San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. held it's February Meeting at Bage's Family Restaurant in Van Nuys, California at 12:00 Noon on 27 February, 1988. the presiding officer: Vice-President Robert C. Emrey.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEEETING

The previous meeting was the annual installation of officers banquet and no minutes were taken

2..REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Charles M. Pitchford advised that the transfer from our previous Treasurer, President D.F. Semerau is to take place this week. A full report will be made at the March Meeting.

3. REPORT ON THE COLOR GUARD

Secretary Donald Norman Moran reported that the Color Guard has appeared in numerous events this year and was shown on television seven times. Unfortunately, only four times was the Guard identified. He proposed a parade banner be purchased. The banner is to have the S.A.R. logo at each end, with the words "SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION" across the top and across the bottom in smaller letters "SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER." The colors would be Gold, Blue and White.

The cost would be \$365.00.

IT WAS MOVED by Walter H. Walley and SECONDED by James A. McKellep that said banner be purchased.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. REPORT; THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASSING OF THE COLORS

Secretary Donald N. Moran reported that the Annual George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors was well attended however, several colors guards did not show until Monday. No explanation, other than these Color Guards assumed the program was on Washington's Birthday.

5. ENDORSEMENT OF 1988 CALIF-ORNIA SOCIETY, S.A.R. OFFICERS

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Audel Hicks and SECONDED by Robert C. Emrey that the San Fernando Valley Chapter endorse the following Compatriots for 1988 State officer:

- President- - - - - JESS T. WOLFE
- Vice President - - ARTHUR OGILVY
- Vice President - - ARTHUR BARRETT
- Secretary- - - - - CARL H. LAMB
- Treasurer - - - - - PAUL DAVIS

THE MOTION CARRIED

6. OUR R.O.T.C. PROGRAM

We have enhanced our ROTC program to TWENTY High Schools and FOUR Universitys. The presentation of Swords, medals and certificates is even more effective when we are represented at the presentation ceremony. We need Compatriots to act as presentors. The Valley Compatriot will Publish a complete list of Schools, times and dates. It would be appreciated if members of the Chapter would volunteer for this inspiring and enjoyable duty. If you are interested contact the Chapter Secretary.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

7. DOUGLAS HIGH ORATION CONTEST

The Chapter held it's Douglas C. High Oration Contest. The Chapter's Judges were:

- Robert C. Emrey
- Audel H. Hicks
- James A. McKellep
- Charles M. Pitchford
- Walter High Walley

The Winner of the San Fernando Valley Chapter's contest is

MISS HEATHER CONSOLI

Vice President Robert C. Emrey presented Miss Consoli with the Chapter's Scholarship Award, the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, and the accompanying Certificate, as well as the Certificate for participating. It was decided that the Chapter will sponsor Miss Consoli at the State competition to be held on April 16th in San Diego.

8. REPORT ON MEETING FACILITIES

IT WAS MOVED by Compatriot Charles Pitchford and SECONDED by Robert C. Emrey that the Chapter hold another meeting on Saturday, March 26th, 1988 at BAGE'S FAMILY RESTUARANT.

THE MOTION CARRIED

9. REPORT ON THE REVISED BYLAWS

Secretary Donald Norman Moran reported that a complete revision of our original Bylaws has been accomplished. Compatriot Roger E. Robertson has made several important changes, and the revised version will be presented to the Chapter for approval this Spring. After approval, the revised By-LAWS will be published in the Valley Compatriot and made available to our membership.

10. CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

To enhance Chapter growth, it was decided to extend the provisions of National Society, S.A.R. Bylaw Number 19, Section 1, which permits sons, grandsons and nephews of of members in good standing. before attaining their twenty-fifth birthday shall be admitted for a fee of \$5.00.

The California Society, S.A.R. has established a fee of \$12.00.

The Chapter has agreed to waive the Chapter's portion, hence the membership application fee for the San Fernando Valley Chapter is \$17.00 for sons, grandsons and nephews of members under the age of twenty-five.

For sons, grandsons, nephews, BROTHERS or FATHERS, the Chapter has also decided to eliminated the Chapter's admission. The National Fee is \$35.00 and the California Society is \$12.00, thus a son, grandson, nephew, brother or father. over age twenty-five may be admitted for a total fee of \$47.00.

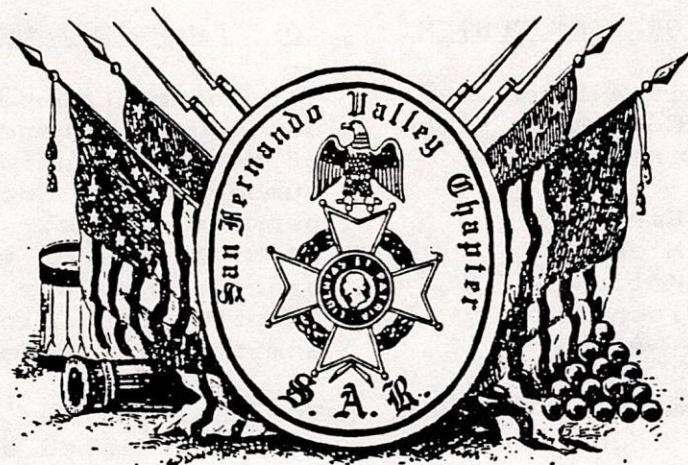
It was further decided that this special rate should apply through May 1st, 1988, after which it will revert to the regular \$75.00

IT WAS MOVED by Robert C. Emrey and SECONDED by Walter H. Walley that the above special membership fees be approved as detailed.

THE MOTION CARRIED

THERE BEING no further business before the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Vice President Robert C. Emrey adjourned the meeting.

Donald Norman Moran
Secretary



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