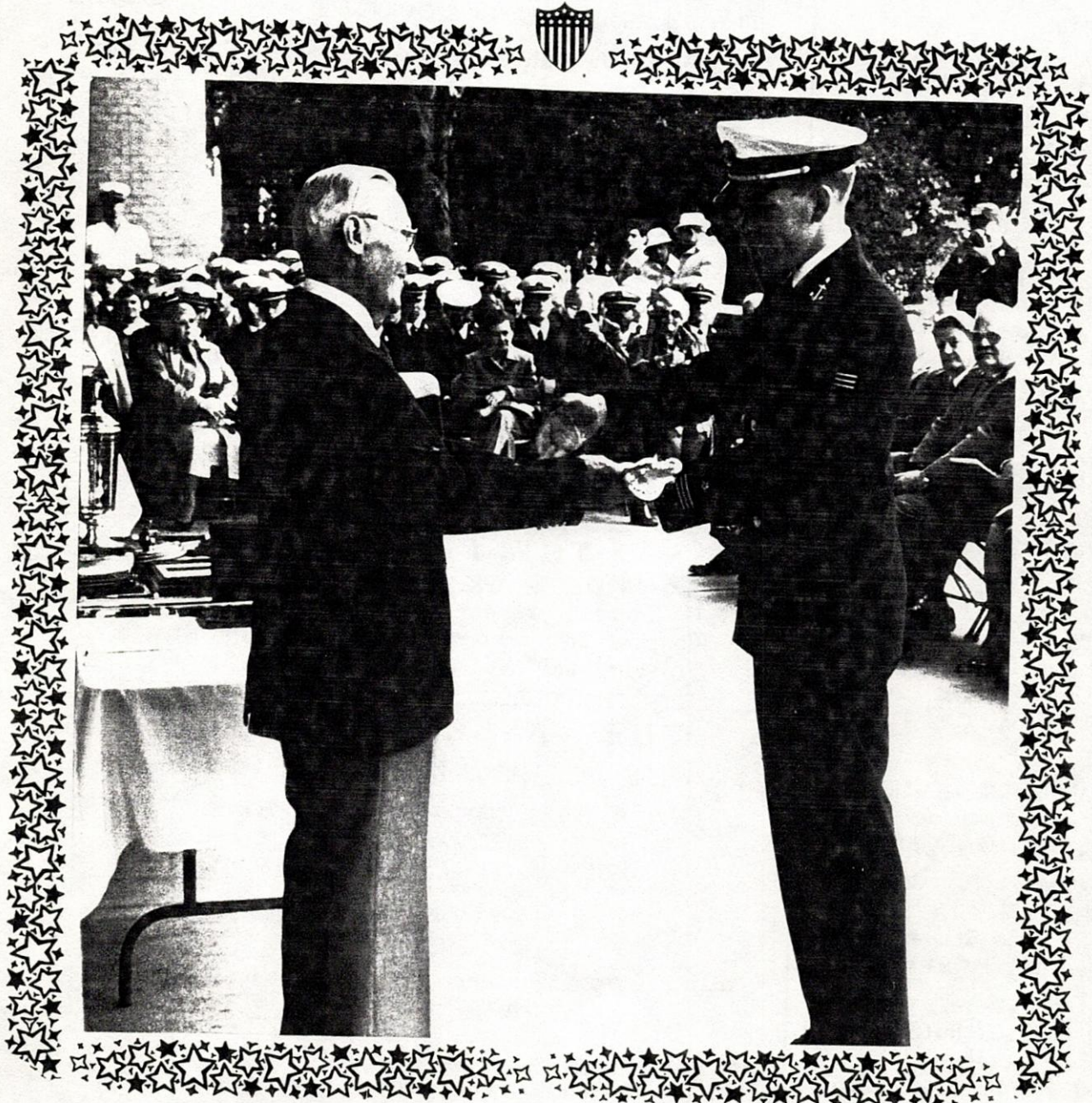




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LOS ANGELES - APRIL 5th, 1986 - Compatriot Walter G. Turnell presenting a Sword on behalf of the Chapter to newly commissioned Ensign Micheal Frische, NROTC Class of 1986- U.S.C.

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## July and August Meetings Cancelled



wing to a very heavy summer vacation schedule of the membership of the Chapter, it has been decided to cancel the monthly meetings in July and August. Since the establishment of the Chapter in 1981, we have met every month for five years. However, during those years a dramatic decline in attendance during the summer months has been experienced. We will keep the membership informed of chapter activities and the time, place and date of our next general meeting in September thru the Valley Compatriot. Have a good summer holiday.

## The V.A. the tables on us



ompatriot George Sutherland Van Dorn substituted on May 8th for Veterans Committee Chairman, Compatriot Berni K. Campbell, who was in Salt Lake City, Utah doing genealogical research at a very special event. The Veterans Administration TURNED THE TABLES ON US! Our books for veterans program has been so successful, that the V.A. decided to acknowledge our efforts by honoring the Chapter with a "VETERANS ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTARY SERVICE CERTIFICATE". This certificate, reproduced below, demonstrates the appreciation the V.A. has for our book collection efforts. KEEP THOSE PAPERBACKS COMING IN!.

### VETERANS ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTARY SERVICE

*This Certificate is awarded to*

*in recognition of volunteer service to veterans*



*Awarded at* V.A. MEDICAL CENTER, SEPULVEDA, CALIF.

*on* MAY 8, 1986

*Norman E. Hensley*  
NORMAN E. HENSLEY  
Director

## Our R.O.T.C. Program



Chairman Walter G. Turnell of our R.O.T.C. Committee has had a very busy year. He and his wife Glenn have been actively participating in every ROTC program the Chapter is involved with. According to Compatriot Turnell the President's Joint R.O.T.C. Pass-in-Review on April 5th was the highlight of the ROTC year. The Review included the three units of the University of Southern California's ROTC program; Army, Air Force and Marine/Navy. Over four hundred cadets/midshipmen participated. The famous United States Army band supplied the music.

At the ceremonies that followed, Compatriot Turnell presented a Navy Officers sword to Midshipman First Class Micheal F. Frische, USNR. on behalf of the San Fernando Valley Chapter. The presentation of a sword is without a doubt the most appreciated award a midshipman or cadet can receive. Shortly after receiving his Commission in the United States Navy, Ensign Frische wrote to Compatriot Turnell:

10 May 1986

Dear Mr. Turnell;

Once again I would like to thank you and the rest of the "Sons of the American Revolution" for presenting me your sword. I have obtained a plaque for the sword and shall proudly display the sword wherever I live.

Enclosed in the envelope you will find two photos from the awards ceremony (One of those photographs is reproduced to the left).

Yesterday I graduated from the University of Southern California and was then commissioned by my father into the United States Navy. On Monday, May 19th, 1986 I begin flight school in Pensacola, Florida. Thank you again for helping make 1986 the best year of my life.

Very respectfully,

(signed)

Michael F. Frische  
Ensign  
United States Navy



Ensign Micheal Frische and Walter G. Turnell at the USC Ceremonies.

Cadet Guy T. Kiyokawa of the graduating class of USC - 1986. This ceremony was held at the University Hilton.

On May 31st, Compatriot Turnell presented an United States Air Force Sabre to ROTC Cadet Alan Kholos at the graduation ceremony at the University of Southern California - Los Angeles. This presentation round out our Sword Program, honoring graduating cadets from all branches of the service.

In addition the Chapter has continued its active support of the Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corp. (High School level). These presentation were

On April 11th, 1986 Compatriot Turnell presented an United States Army Officer's Sabre to Army ROTC

made at the various High Schools listed below by Compatriot Walter and Mrs. Turnell.

CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL

presented to:

Cadet 1st. Lt. Anthony Shivers

THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

presented to:

Cadet Corporal William Thompson

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

presented to:

Cadet Captain Gabriel Tejada

DAVID STARR JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL

presented to:

Cadet Master/Sergeant Ramon Camay

Additionally, the Chapter will be participating in the Canyon Country High School's summer program.

### Compatriots in the News



his month several of our members are in the news. Leading off is Chapter President, Col. George A. Eckert, Jr. who was California's delegate to the Tri-Annual convention of the Society of Cincinnati, held in Philadelphia. He was presented with a 3' x 5' flag of that organization. Compatriot Norman P. Moran was elected Deputy Jr. Commander of the Disable Veterans of America in Kansas. Dual member Col. Thomas D. Gillis was honored by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, by presenting him with the "Carl F. Bessent Award" for best Chapter Newsletter in the entire Country. Col. Tom's "Revere Reverberator" has long been one of our finest newsletters.

B I R T H D A Y S

James L. Norman - - - - - 7-03  
 Philip R. Giltmier - - - - - 7-13  
 Donald Ross McDowell - - - - - 7-13  
 Donald Norman Moran - - - - - 7-16  
 George Sutherland Van Dorn - - - - - 7-29

A N N I V E R S A R I E S

Donald & Linda Moran - - - - - 7-08-62  
 Jeffrey & Kathryn Towery - - - - - 7-18-70  
 Keith & Eleanor Gouger - - - - - 7-21-38

## the NSSAR Congress



Compatriot George Sutherland Van Dorn and wife Mary and Compatriot Donald Norman Moran and wife Linda attended the National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution held in Tampa, Florida at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. On Tuesday evening, at the National Awards night, CASSAR President, Richard N. Andriano-Moore accepted the "William Y. Pryor Award" awarded to the State Society having the highest number of members attending, considering the mileage travelled. He also accepted on behalf of our dual Member, Col. Thomas D. Gillis, the "Carl F. Bessent Award" for Best Chapter Newsletter, Nationwide.

Other news from the National Congress included the appointment of CASSAR Charles A. Vencill to his second term on the NSSAR Executive Committee and the election of CASSAR Leland B. Hawkins, III as National Vice President - Western District.

Our Chapter's proposal to establish "Gift Memberships" was approved at the congress, but after much discussion in Committee, the final proposal was much watered down.

George Sutherland Van Dorn presented a much needed resolution on the attempts to eliminate the "Star Spangled Banner" as our National Anthem. His resolution, which was unanimously approved, read:

WHEREAS, The "Star Spangled Banner" was written by Francis Scott Key while a British prisoner almost two hundred years ago; and

WHEREAS, The "Star Spangled Banner" is the national anthem of the United States of America and is recognized as our national anthem worldwide; and

WHEREAS, There is a movement afloat to replace the "Star Spangled Banner" with an anthem of less historical significance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the NSSAR in Congress assembled that it supports the retention of the "Star Spangled Banner" as our national anthem.



Compatriot CARL K. HOFFMAN, Chairman of the NSSAR Resolutions Committee and our GEORGE SUTHERLAND VAN DORN at Congress.

## Our Applicants



As our Chapter's Registrar, Berni K. Campbell, or Genealogist, Marvin C. Hutchins will tell you, most applicants for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution have difficulty in supplying adequate and complete supporting documentation with their applications. Therefore it is easy to understand their surprise when applicant Christopher T. Lowther submitted his papers. A hard bound book entitled "MY LOWTHER FAMILY" written by Chris was part of his supporting evidence! The book was donated to the Southern California Genealogical Society's library. Our Compatriot, Berni K. Campbell published in "The Searcher", the S.C.G.S.'s monthly newsletter, a review of Chris's book. The review was done by our Compatriot Robert G. Steele. With their permission we are reprinting that review in our own newsletter.

## My Lowther Family A Book Review

by: COMPATRIOT ROBERT G. STEELE



This book, donated by the author, has given me much pleasure, for two good reasons. Firstly, because the family name LOWTHER pops up in English history (a hobby of mine) from ancient to modern times in the persons of many colorful historical characters. Secondly because of the engaging way in which the author tells the stories and describes his own experiences in discovering the thirty-six (36) generations of what he found out to be his ancient and illustrious surname. It is 315 pages long, and privately published.

From way back even before the Norman conquest (1066) Lowthers owned land, lived and raised families, and fought and died in that remote northwestern corner of England bordering on Scotland. In medieval times most of the men were soldiers or knights, eager participants in the continual skirmishing along the boundry of what was then called the "western marches".

In the main section of the book a separate page, or more often several pages, is devoted to each Lowther from William de Lowther, who died about 1189, right down to the author's son Greg, born in 1958. The write-up of each generation is preceded by a paragraph of historical background, and then sets forth what is known about the particular Lowther in the line, including all known vital statistics, and accounts of what he did during his lifetime. Wives are named, and their parents, with one notable exception, but not their lineages. This is just as well, for to include them would make the book forty times the size it is. The exception is the lineage of Lady Dorothy Clifford, who married Sir Hugh Lowther. Her ancestors included William the Conqueror and most of the Plantaganet kings. There were nine (9!) Sir Hugh Lowthers in the direct line before the middle of the sixteenth century, creating a formidable task for a researcher trying to find out which Sir Hugh did what, and to whom. Dorothy got the last of the nine.

Most fascinating is the story of Sir Richard Lowther ( 1532-1607 ) who managed to survive personal involvement in the historic tug-of-war between Elizabeth I and her cousin Mary, Queen of Scots. When Mary fled Scotland in 1568 Sir Richard was commander of the British troops who met and took her into custody. Richard treated her with the respect due royalty, and escorted her to Carlisle Castle to wait orders from Elizabeth as to the disposition of the runaway Queen, whether to be treated as a refugee or a prisoner. In following years Mary was shunted from castle to castle, and contacts between Sir Richard Lowther and this tragic Queen were infrequent. Somehow, during this time, Sir Richard had a change of heart,

became sympathetic to Mary's cause and was involved in one of the many plots to unseat or murder Elizabeth and place Mary on the English throne. Twice he was summoned to London, locked up in the Tower for many months, examined by the notorious Star Chamber, and twice released, presumably for lack of evidence, and permitted to return home.

The story of Richard Lowther's exciting life is by no means the only one told. Three generations of Lowthers went to live in Ireland, where they became Quakers. In 1729, a Robert Lowther came to America, where he and his descendants experienced the many exciting adventures, and hard work, of pioneering and settling a new land. Robert's son Joel was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Their stories are told in considerable detail, and illustrated by reproductions of ancient documents, maps and photographs. Tales of other Lowthers, not necessarily in the arthur's direct line, also appear, adding interest for the reader. My favorites are George Lowther, the Pirate, who swashed and buckled on the Spanish Main, and Colonel William Lowther, a valient Indian fighter in the wilderness which has now become West Virginia.

The author relates how in 1971 he was asked by his son for help in a school assignment to draw up a family coat-of-arms. From this modest start his interest in genealogy grew and mushroomed over the years until it became a sort of passion. He did a lot of searching in libraries, wrote letters by the score, and enlisted the help of others more experienced than he was, to whom he gives full credit in the book.

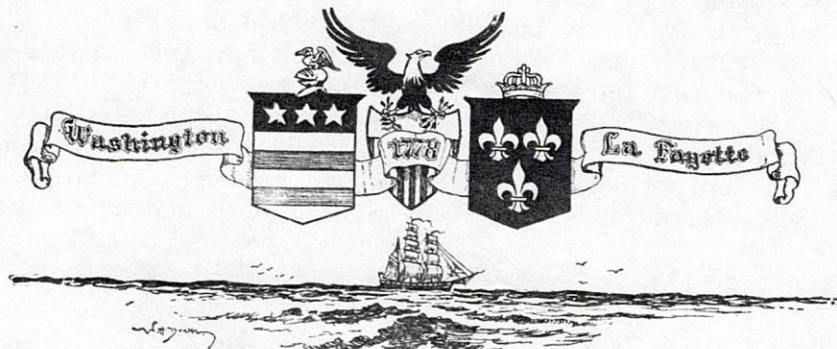
In 1984 Christopher Lowther went to England, visited genealogists and historians there, and explored the ruins of Lowther Castle and Lowther Church. In the Tower of London he was shown, and photographed, the very room where his ancestor Richard had been imprisoned.

It is hard to find any fault with this excellant and eminently readable work. Possibly if I had been writing it I would have emmited Pages 70 through 77. Recorded thereon is a diary-like record of Sir Richard's expenses during the months he was incarcerated in the Tower. It is reproduced here as written by Richard's secretary in minute Elizabethan script, which is about as legible to us as the Dead Sea scrolls would be. Also included is a translation by Brian Herderson, Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London. A single paragraph could probably have summerized the material on these eight pages which are so hard to read.

Handsomely printed and bound, MY LOWTHER FAMILY is loaded with genealogical tables, charts and heraldic exhibits. As you would expect in as thorough a family history as this, the book winds up with a bibliography and a two-part index, one part for Lowthers and the other for everyone else.

Thinking of writing a book on your family? Look this one over first -- you'll not find a better model.

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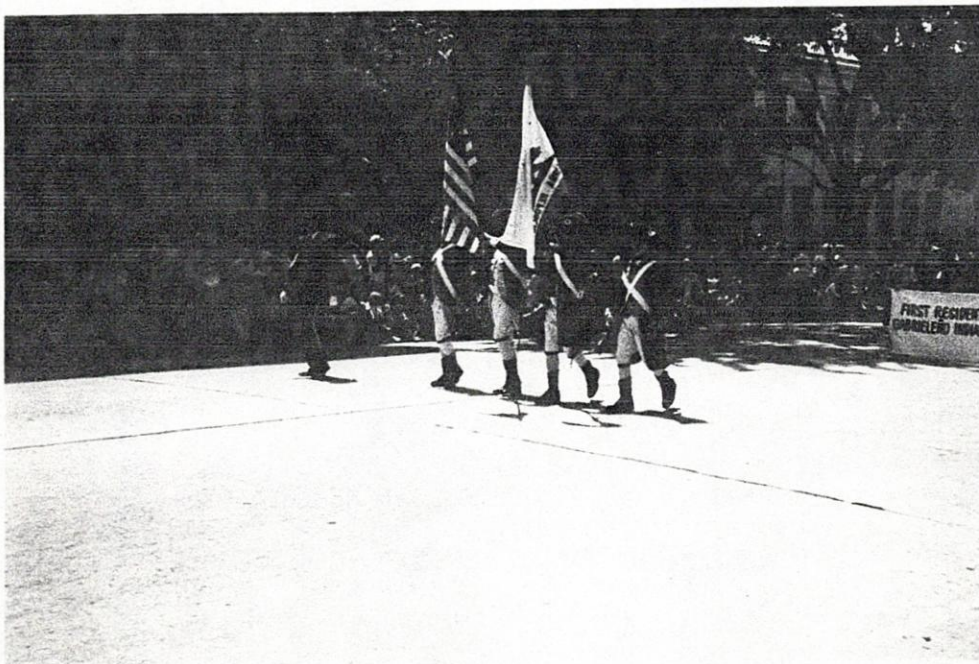
## Pasadena Centennial Parade and Our Color Guard



Our Inter-Service Continental Color Guard participated in the Centennial Parade of the City of Pasadena on June 14th, 1986. Lt. Charles Callahan led his men as the second marching unit of the massive parade. The first being the Pasadena Centennial flag. The arrangements for this participation were made by Compatriot F. Gage Biren, President of the Pasadena Chapter, S.A.R. who sponsored the S.A.R. involvement. Below are two pictures taken by Mrs. Biren of the Color Guard marching at the head of the parade.



THE S.A.R./S.M.R. INTER-SERVICE CONTINENTAL COLOR GUARD LEADING PASADENA'S CENTENNIAL PARADE  
2nd Lt. Charles Callahan, Commanding



## Our Revolutionary War Ancestry



his month "Our Revolutionary War Ancestry" selection is Colonel *JOHN COOK*, the ancestor of our Chapter President, Colonel *GEORGE A. ECKERT, Jr.* George joined the Sons of the American Revolution thru the San Fernando Valley Chapter in July of 1982. He is our first president whose entire S.A.R. career has been through this chapter, all the others had transferred their memberships from other chapters. George is active in several organizations, including the Society of Cincinnati, Military Order of the World Wars, Armed Force Radio Association, etc. and has brought his vast experience into the chapter's presidency.

Colonel *JOHN COOK*

b. 03 February 1744 - Tiverton, R.I.

m. February 1762 - Tiverton, R.I.

d. 17 December 1812 - Newport, R.I.

- m -

*SARAH GRAY*

b. 17 March 1743 - Tiverton, R.I.

d.



Captain *PERRY GREENE ARNOLD*

b. 30 November 1772 - E. Greenwich, R.I.

m. 1798

d. 25 June 1819 - at sea near Surinam

- m -

*PRISCILLA COOK*

b. 01 June 1782 - Tiverton, R.I.

d. 18 October 1815 -



Dr. *DANIEL WATSON*

b. 13 April 1801 - Jamestown, R.I.

m. 26 March 1824

d. 17 May 1871 - Newport, R.I.

- m -

*SARAH GRAY COOK ARNOLD*

b. 12 May 1800 - E. Greenwich, R.I.

d. 06 July 1883 - Newport, R.I.



*DANIEL WATSON*

B. 1843 - Newport, R.I.

m. 01 November 1888 - Newport, R.I.

d. 13 June 1899 - Jamestown, R.I.

- m -

*SUSAN EMILIE COMMERFORD*

b. 12 April 1856 - Newport, R.I.

d. 04 June 1920 - Newport, R.I.



Captain *GEORGE ARTHUR ECKERT, USN*

b. 10 August 1889 - Newport, R.I.

m. 22 November 1919 - Newport, R.I.

d. 05 June 1953 - Newport, R.I.

- m -

*ALICE CATHERINE WATSON*

b. 23 May 1890 - Newport, R.I.

d. 21 May 1948 - Newport, R.I.



Colonel *GEORGE ARTHUR ECKERT, Jr.*

NSSAR Number 120602 CASSAR Number 4935

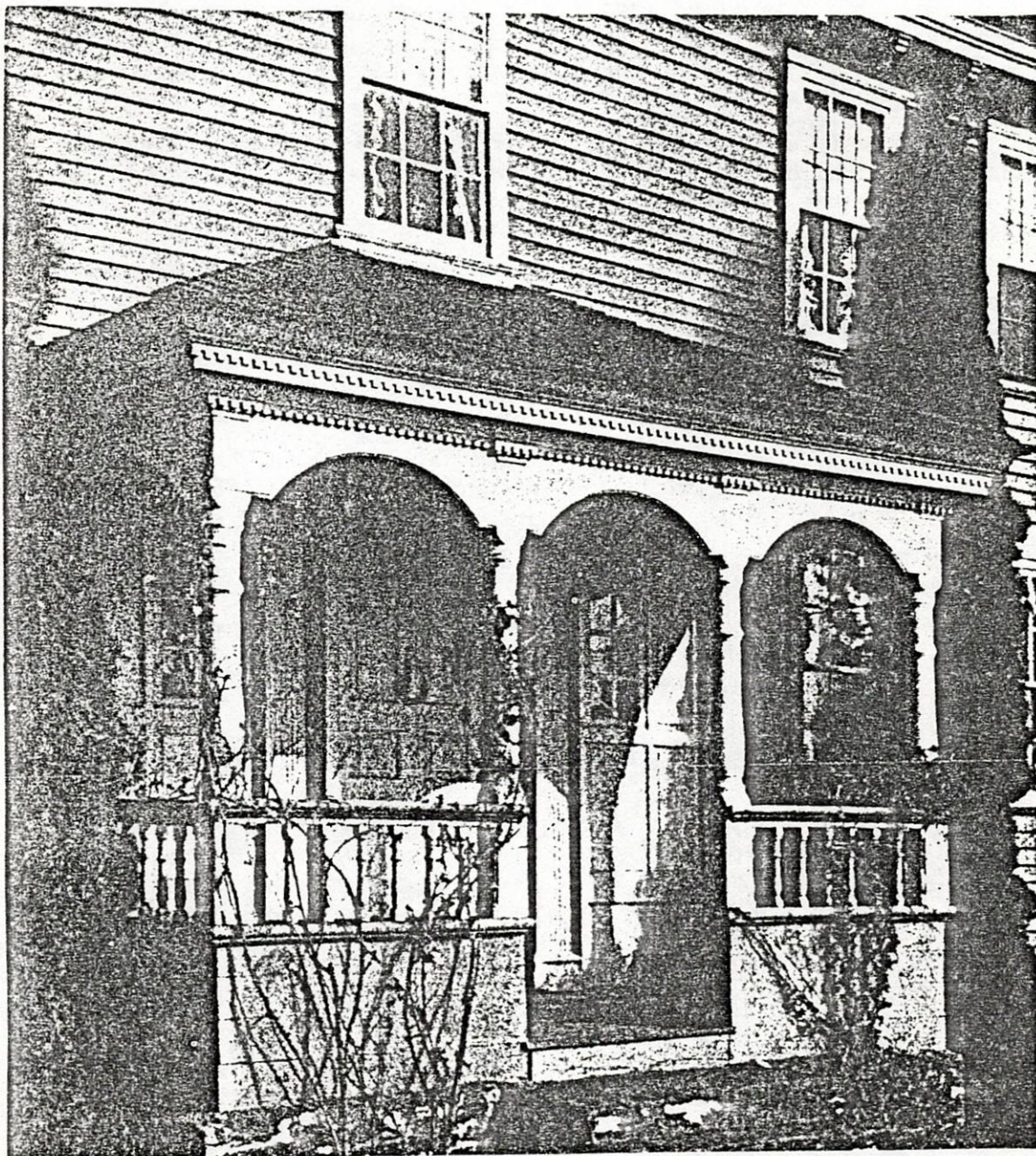
President

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER, C.A.S.S.A.R

## Colonel John Cook



Colonel JOHN COOK (or Cooke) was born in Tiverton, Rhode Island (Newport County), on February 3rd, 1744. His wife, Sarah Gray, was also born there on March 17th, 1743. Both were descended from the founding families of the area. They were married in February of 1762. Not far from Tiverton, in the village of Little Compton, there is today a marvelously preserved home called the "Colonel John Cooke" house. It was built prior to 1730 and it is unclear if it is named after Colonel John Cook, the subject of this biographical sketch, or another member of his family. In either case, owing to the sparse population of the area, our Colonel Cook was certainly acquainted with it. Additionally, we have been unable to find a reference to any other Col. John Cook (Cooke) in early Rhode Island history.



*The Front Entrance of the Colonel John Cook house  
from Early Homes of Rhode Island, Arno Press, Rhode Island*

Prior to the American Revolution, John Cook served in the local colonial militia. The early records of Rhode Island show his appointment as Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment of militia in Newport County. He was promoted to Colonel in September 1776 and assumed command of the Second Regiment of the Rhode Island Brigade in Continental service (The Continental Line). The Brigade was called Nixon's Brigade until December 22nd, 1776, when it changed it's name to Hitchcock's Brigade.

For a year the Regiment under Colonel Cook served in Hitchcock's Brigade operating in the New York City area against the British forces there. On January 1777, the Regiment was reassigned to the Highland Department, and served along the Hudson river, effectively keeping the British from dividing the the continent.

On September 14th, 1777, the Regiment was quickly pulled from the Hudson Highland and dispatched to join the main army under General Washington. It was during this time that the Regiment saw action in the battles of Trenton and Princeton, New Jersey.

Colonel Cook and his men stayed with the main army helping with the defence of Philadelphia and the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey. Following that action the Regiment was dispatched to Rhode Island to assist in its defence against the expected invasion by the British forces.

The Regiment fortified the hieghts at Tiverton, with a commanding position, now known as Fort Barton. On August 29th, 1778, they sucessfully defended this location during the Battle of Rhode Island, and covered the withdrawl from Rhode Island (the island of) of General Sullivan's 10,000 man American Army. Again, Glover's Marbleheaders performed their specialty and ferried the troops to Tiverton, under the protection of Colonel Cook's fortifications.

In May of 1780, the 2nd Regiment, Rhode Island Continental Line was reassigned to the 1st Massachusetts's Brigade and rejoined the main Army operating in New Jersey. Colonel Cook appears to have stayed in Rhode Island.

His public service continued in the Rhode Island legislature after hostilities had ceased.

His daughter, Priscilla married the son of Colonel William Arnold, commander of the Kentish Guards of Rhode Island Colonial Militia, another Revolutionary War ancestor of Colonel Eckert.

### Washington's Toast to George III

**A**fter the surrender of the British Forces at Yorktown, General George Washington held a special banquet for the vanquished. Lord Cornwallis and his senior officers were the guests. At the begining of the dinner General Rochambeau of France rose and gave a toast: "The United States!" General Washington returned the compliment with a toast of his own: "To the King of France!". General Cornwallis than rose and gave his toast "The King!" to which Washington added: "Of England! Confine him there and I'll drink him a full bumper!"

From: Francis R. Bellamy, The Private Life of George Washington, New York - 1951, page 324.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER  
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

THE MINUTES OF THE  
April 28th, 1986 Monthly Meeting of the Chapter

1. CALL TO ORDER - Pursuant to due notice, the Chapter convened at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 28th, 1986, at Leon's Steak House in North Hollywood, California. Col. George A. Eckert, Jr, President presiding. Those attending were:

MEMBERS	GUESTS
Col. George A. Eckert, Jr.	Floyd S. Earle
George Sutherland Van Dorn	Mary Van Dorn
Berni K. Campbell	Mary Campbell
Roger E. Robertson	Mary Lou Robertson
Donald Norman Moran	Linda T. Moran

2. NEW MEMBERSHIPS: Registrar Berni K. Campbell advised that two (2) gentlemen have been accepted into membership: They are:
- Cdr. ARTHUR G. BRUNER, USN Ret.  
NSSAR 127532 and CASSAR 5331
- RICHARD C. KRAMMERER  
NSSAR 127533 and CASSAR 5332
3. NEW FUND ESTABLISHED - Compatriot Walter H. Walley has established for the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. a specific fund to perpetrate the membership of the Chapter. The fund to be administered by the Chapter's President, Treasurer and Secretary. THE MOTION was made and approved.
4. R.O.T.C. COMMITTEE REPORT - In the absense of Committee Chairman Walter G. Turnell, Preident Eckert read the written report. Our CHapter's activities todate are very impressive and a detailed report will be forthcoming in the Valley Compatriot.
5. VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE - Chairman Berni K. Campbell reported that 350 paperbacks were delivered to the Sepulveda Veteran's Hospital. Another delivery is to be made to the Sawtelle Veteran's Hospital in the near future.
6. REPORT ON THE GENEALOGICAL JAMBOREE - Compatriot Berni K. Campbell who was present at the Jamboree presented the Chapter's Secretary a list of TWENTY-SIX (26) men who were recruited at the Genealogical Jamboree by Walter and Glenn Turnell. The Secretary is to contact them and/or refer those in other Chapter areas to the appropriate Chapter.
7. REPORT ON THE CASSAR ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO - Former President George Sutherland Van Dorn reported on the meeting:
- A. The San Fernando Valley Chapter was proclaimed "Best Overall Chapter" and awarded the "Best Mid-sized Chapter Plaque". The Plaque was exhibited.
- B. The Election results were as predicted - the Nomination Committee's proposed slate was unanimously elected. Our Donald Moran was re-elected to the position of Vice President - South.
- C. The CASSAR approved the amending of the Articles of Incorporation to include a change in the voting procedures and the inclusion of a new clause allowing discipline of troublesome members. The Amendments were explained by Compatriot Roger E. Robertson, former Chancellor of the CASSAR.

THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28th, 1986 MEETING OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER, SAR  
continued

7. REPORT ON THE CASSAR ANNUAL MEETING - continued  
 D. The 1987 CASSAR Meeting will be hosted by the San Fernando Valley Chapter, SAR with our Secretary to make the necessary arrangements.
8. THE REPORT ON THE COLOR GUARD - Compatriot Donald Norman Moran reported that all the arrangements have been made to support the Pasadena Chapter's participation in the City of Pasadena's June 14th, Centennial Parade. Additionally, efforts are still being made to include the Color Guard in a July 4th Parade.
9. REPORT ON THE VALLEY COMPATRIOT - Editor Donald Norman Moran reported that there will be an issue of the Valley Compatriot designated "Spring 1986", which will cover the months of May and June. Thereafter, we should be back on schedule.
10. MEMORIAL PLAQUE - Former President George Sutherland Van Dorn reported that the proposed plaque to be placed on the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor has been cancelled - the U.S. Park Service placed another Plaque in the last remaining location. Inlieu thereof, we will be placing a plaque in the newly created "WALK OF LIBERTY" at the famed Punch Bowl in Hawaii, honoring the dead of all ourwars. George advised that a replica of the Liberty Bell will be at that location, hence its placement there will be even more appropriate.
11. MEDAL TO BE GIVEN - It was MOVED by Compatriot George Sutherland Van Dorn and Seconded by Compatriot Roger E. Robertson that the Martha Washington Medal should be given to Mrs. Glenn Turnell for the outstanding service she has rendered this Chapter - THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS before the April 28th meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R., President George A. Eckert declared the Meeting adjourned.

Donald Norman Moran  
 Secretary

••••• Help Wanted •••••



elp needed -- deparately! We have identified over SIXTY (60) men who are eligible for membership in the San Fernando Valley Chapter, S.A.R. We need a Compatriot that can devote some time to writing each one and assisting them in preparation of there applications. We also need voluteers to assist some with genealogical problems. If this work load is divided among several members, it should not be a major task.

National. State and above all, the Chapter is stressing new members, and we the San Fernando Valley Chapter have a reputation for LEADING THE WAY, so we are asking for voluteers.

It is rewarding work as well, you will meet some of the finest men in the Country when you are dealing with SAR applicants.

### "An Idea Worth Copying" Says SAR Magazine

Compatriot-Editor Winston C. Williams, Editor of the SAR Magazine published in the Spring issue (Volume LXXX, No. 4. page 39) a feature on our CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION program. We have reproduced herein the entire presentation "AN IDEA WORTH COPYING".

## The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



### Certificate of Recognition

PRESENTED TO:

**Matthew Ryan Wiley**

The son of Compatriot **ROBERT JUDSON WILEY, Jr.** NSSAR Number 120436 and **LYSLE TOBIN WILEY** and the grandson of Compatriot **ROBERT JUDSON WILEY, SR.** NSSAR Number 121767 and **VIRGINIA WILEY.**

This Certificate is presented by the San Fernando Valley Chapter, California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in recognition of your special heritage. You are descendant from Patriot **ALEXANDER WILEY** of the New York State Militia, who by his sacrifices during the American Revolutionary War helped establish the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

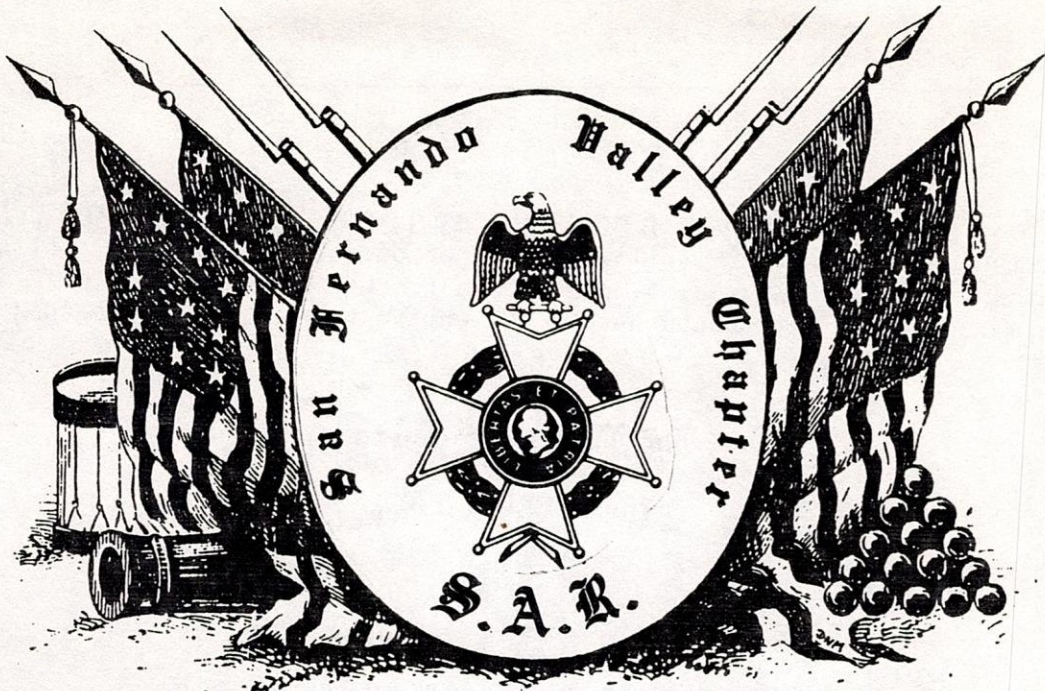


25 March 1985

George Sutherland Anderson  
President

Donald Norman Moran  
Secretary

**AN IDEA WORTH COPYING** – Upon his birth, a son or grandson of a member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, California Society, is presented this Certificate of Recognition by the Chapter. The document attests to the child's special heritage as a descendant of someone who served in the cause of the Revolutionary War. Note that the engrossing is done on a National Society certificate available from Headquarters.



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