

San Fernando Valley
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Sons of the American
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SECRETARY'S CORNER

New Applicant's fee: - - - - - \$ 75.00
 (includes first year's dues)
 For Fathers, sons, grandsons, brother
 or nephews - - - - - 10.00
 Annual Dues:
 National Society: - - - - - 17.00
 California Society: - - - - - 18.00
 San Fernando Valley Chapter: - - - 10.00
 Life Membership - - - - - 1,000.00
 Reinstatement: - - - - - 45.00
 Supplementals: - - - - - 25.00
 Dual membership: - - - - - 10.00
 Ladies Auxiliary: - - - - - 5.00
 Youth Registration Fee: - - - - - 10.00

FUNDS

In addition to our annual dues, many of our important programs are completely funded by tax deductible donations. These funds are:

- National Society's - Washington Fund
- California Society's - Permanent Fund
- California Society's - Education Fund
- Chapter's Permanent Fund
- Chapter's Color Guard Fund
- Chapter's Walter G. Turnell ROTC Fund



ur Chapter will be holding its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 25th, 1991 at GENIO'S RESTAURANT. 420 West Olive Avenue (at Verdugo), Burbank

The meeting, as is our custom will be preceded by the traditional social hour, then a short business meeting at which time we will be electing the 1992 officers of the Chapter. We will also have a report on the California Society's Board of Managers meeting which is being held the first of November. - **RESERVATIONS** - The Chapter must guarantee twenty (20) dinners, so please make every effort to attend and notify our Secretary of your plans to attend. Thank you.

DINNER

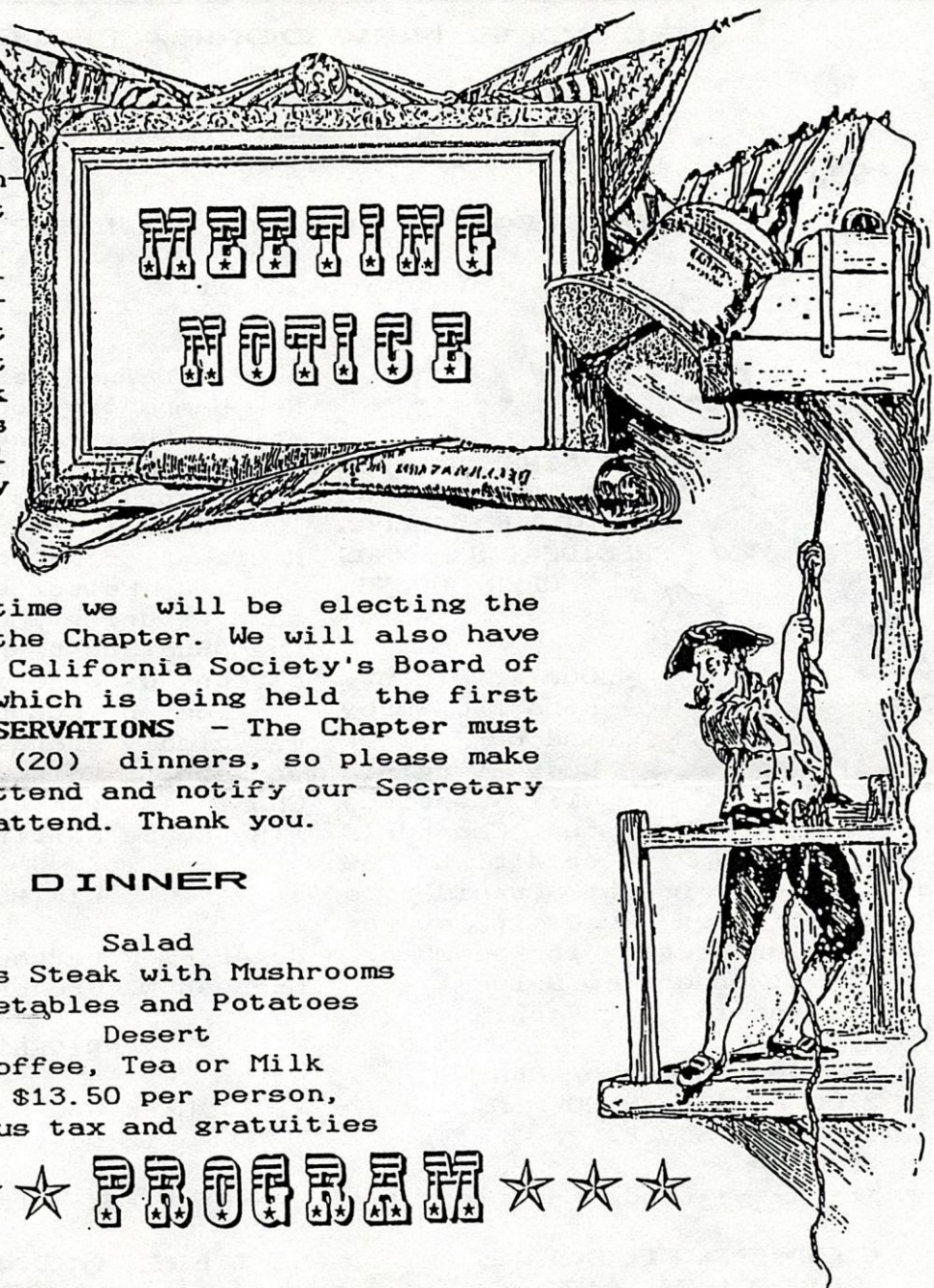
- Salad
- Swiss Steak with Mushrooms
- Vegetables and Potatoes
- Desert
- Coffee, Tea or Milk
- \$13.50 per person,
- plus tax and gratuities

☆☆☆ PROGRAM ☆☆☆

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Chapter will be honored by having as our guest speaker Miss **PATRICIA M. HEIN**, Senior State President of the California Society, of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

The "C.A.R." was founded under the auspices of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1895 and since that time they have had over 110,000 members! The youngsters goals and objectives are basically the same as ours and very worthy of our Chapter's support. Thier membership is open to boys and girls under age twenty-one.



WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOT



MARK VINCENT RUDD
NSSAR No. 137857 - CASSAR No. 5915
Descendant of:



SERGEANT JOHN MALLERY

1752 - 1831

Connecticut Militia

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Ho! Ho! Ho!



START THE HOLIDAY SEASON BY JOINING US AT THE ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S XMAS OPEN HOUSE.

Our President, Robert C. Emrey and our First Lady Virginia will continue our Chapter's tradition of

having the Annual President's Christmas Open house in lieu of our regular meeting in December.

171 Wonderview Drive
Glendale, California

Sunday, December 8th,
2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
R.S.V.P.

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COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS



ur President, Robert Emrey was honored by the California Society at the Board of Managers meeting. State President Charles D. Conyers, II presented him with the Meritorious Service Medal. This is the second time Bob has been awarded this prestigious medal.

Compatriot Charles Barnard, a founding member of our Chapter,

has attained membership in the New Hampshire Society of Cincinnati at their annual State meeting. Charles's Cincinnati ancestor was Major James Head who served in Colonel Thomas Strickney's Regiment of New Hampshire troops.

Your Editor was honored the same evening when he presented the "Bud Scott" Plaque for publication excellence by President Charles D. Conyers. The award was gladly shared with Robert F. Jackson, Editor of the Butte Chapter's outstanding newsletter "The Butte Sentinel".

BIRTHDAYS

Roger E. Robertson.....11/02
Stephen W. Gregory.....11/23

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Paula Rudd
12 November 1983

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THE MONTROSE CHRISTMAS PARADE



ur Continental Color Guard will be leading the annual Montrose - Verdugo City Christmas Parade. The Parade starts at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, November 30th. The Parade route is along Honolulu Avenue and is expected to draw over 50,000 spectators. This is a great way to start the Christmas Holiday Season.

**REPORT OF THE
MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE**



hairman Berni K. Campbell reported the following gentlemen are eligible for membership and have been contacted. Some have already responded and are working on thier applications.

- RONALD ABRAMOVITZ
- JAMES AGUIRRE
- THOMAS AKE
- ALBERT ALEGRETE
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- KASHI M. WAY
- CAREY A. WILSON III

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OMISSION

In the October issue we ran an article on Robert S. Moore's having six S.A.R. confirmed supplemental ancestors plus the two new ones we reported. Actually he now has a total of ten.

**THE CALIFORNIA
SOCIETY ENDORSES
NSSAR CANDIDATES**



t the State's Board of Manager's Meeting Patriot Donald Norman Moran introduced a resolution of endorsement of the following Compatriots for National Office: The resolution was unanimously adopted.

For President General:
PAUL H. WALKER

For Secretary General:
COL. ROBERT B. VANCE, Sr.

For Treasurer General:
CHARLES A. VENCILL

For Registrar General:
COL. STEWART B. McCARTY, Jr.

For Historian General:
WILLIAM C. GIST, D.M.D.

For Librarian General:
RICHARD E. WILLSON

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**BURBANK POLICE
SERGEANT
WILLIAM BERRY
HONORED**



n the front page of this issue is a photograph of our President Robert C. Emrey presenting Burbank Police Sergeant William Berry the SAR's Law Enforcement Medal at our October monthly meeting.

For the past several years Sergeant Berry has been the head of Burbank's Crime Prevention Task force. He was selected for the award for his outstanding leadership in establishing educational programs for our citizens which teach us how to protect ourselves and loved ones.

REPORT ON THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
SAN LUIS OBISPO

The Chapter's presences was very evident at the Board of Manager's meeting in San Luis Obispo. The meeting was hosted by the Central Coast Chapter and was well attended.

Robert Emrey, serving as State Vice-President (South) and Referee of the Chapter Activity Contest was prominent in the affairs of the State Society. Our Roger E. Robertson, as Trustee of the Permanent Fund reported on that all important part of the State Societies activities.

Our Donald N. Moran introduced a resolution to endorse several Compatriots for National Office. That motion was seconded by our Donald H. McLaughlin.

Our former Chapter President George Sutherland Van Dorn introduced several resolutions for the overall betterment of the Society.

Our Ladies were busy with the Ladies' Auxiliary. Our First Lady, Virginia Emrey Second Vice President, Linda Moran, Secretary. Mary Lou Robertson Parliamentarian, and members Claribel McLaughlin and Mary Van Dorn were actively engaged in the Auxiliary meetings.

At the Saturday evening banquet, Virginia, Mary Lou and Linda, along with Gloria Marquette (of the Redding Chapter) ran the Raffle raising \$400.00.

Robert C. Emrey assisted State President Charles Conyers with the Chapter Awards presentations. Then was surprised when President Conyers presented him with the Meritorious Service Medal for his numerous efforts on behalf of the Society.

Robert F. Jackson, Editor of the Butte Chapter's "Butte Sentinel" and our Donald Norman Moran were jointly awarded the Bud Scott Plaque for publishing.



ROBERT C. EMERY RECEIVING THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL FROM STATE PRESIDENT CHARLES CONYERS



ROBERT F. JACKSON AND DONALD NORMAN MORAN DISPLAYING THE BUD SCOTT PLAQUE THE JOINTLY WON.

ANNUAL DUES

BAD NEWS, BAD NEWS and GOOD NEWS

Robert F. Jackson, Editor of the Butte Chapter's Award Winning "Butte Sentinel" also serves as Chapter President. As such it fell to him to explain the recently approved State and National Dues increases. He did so with an Editorial in the Butte Sentinel which we are reprinting parts of it for you, our readership.

"I have bad news, bad news and good news. The first bad news is the NSSAR Dues have been raised to \$17.00. The second bad news is that the CASSAR Dues has been raised to \$18.00." The good news is our local dues of \$10.00 have not been raised.

"This nation is now made up of people of many diverse cultures. Many of these people do not care a thing for our patriot ancestors. They are more inclined to want to advance the cultures and traditions of their own backgrounds. Backgrounds which are often based on practices of government and economics which forced them to leave their native lands and seek a new start in this great Country. They forget, or maybe they never learned, that the beliefs and traditions of our patriot ancestors are what made this the great land what it is today.

I hope you see how important it is for the Sons of the American Revolution to continue to tell the story of how our patriot ancestors put their lives and property on the line to give us these benefits. Yours dues are used for a very good cause. We must not let the notion that a melting pot of diverse cultures adds strength to the Country. Wrong! It dilutes the ideals of our forefathers. A "Melting Pot" is a false metaphor anyway, for a melting pot produces a single alloy of improved strength only when there is enough heat or passion to complete the process. What he have is a "Stew Pot" where a variety of ingredients under a low simmer, stir-up a "Chunky Soap" of ingredients often not pleasing to every taste."

The S.A.R. is needed more today then ever before. Your dues will help preserve our precious heritage.

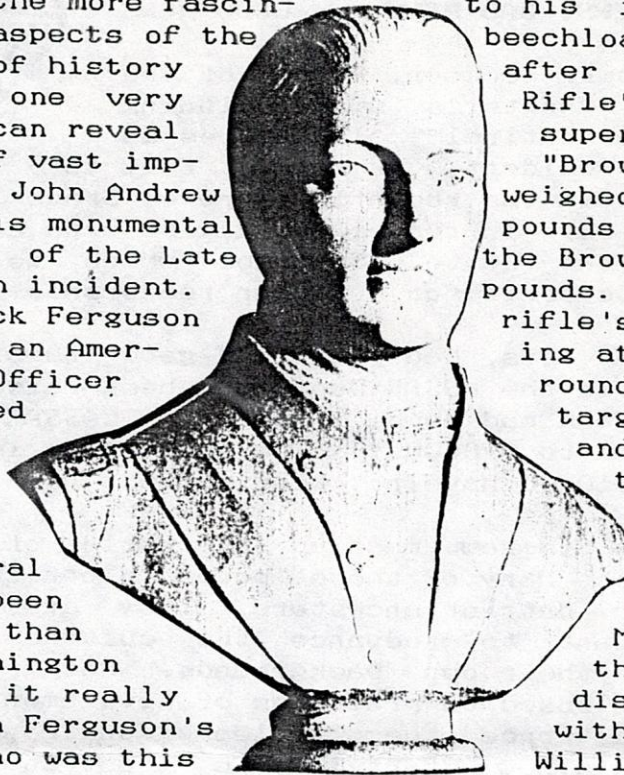
"A POINT OF HONOR"



One of the more fascinating aspects of the study of history is how one very obscure fact can reveal an incident of vast implications. John Andrew recorded in his monumental "The History of the Late War", such an incident. A Major Patrick Ferguson taking aim at an American General Officer and his mounted escort, an Officer of Hussars. Andrews thought that the General might have been none other than George Washington himself. Was it really Washington in Ferguson's gun sights? Who was this Ferguson? The mention of an Officer of the Hussars doesn't ring true...there were no Hussars in the American Army, and it is certain that a British Officer would be able to tell the difference between an American Dragoon and a resplendently attired cavalry type known as a Hussar. Was this just another myth?

First, Patrick Ferguson would have been a hero if the Revolution had been won by the British. He was born in Scotland in 1744, the son of noted Judge James Ferguson. He was educated at the London Military Academy and was Commissioned in the famed Scottish cavalry regiment, The Scots Greys (now the Royal North British Dragoon Guards).

His interest in musketry led



The Bust of Colonel
 PATRICK FERGUSON
 (courtesy of
 John Wilson Smith
 Peterhead, Scotland)

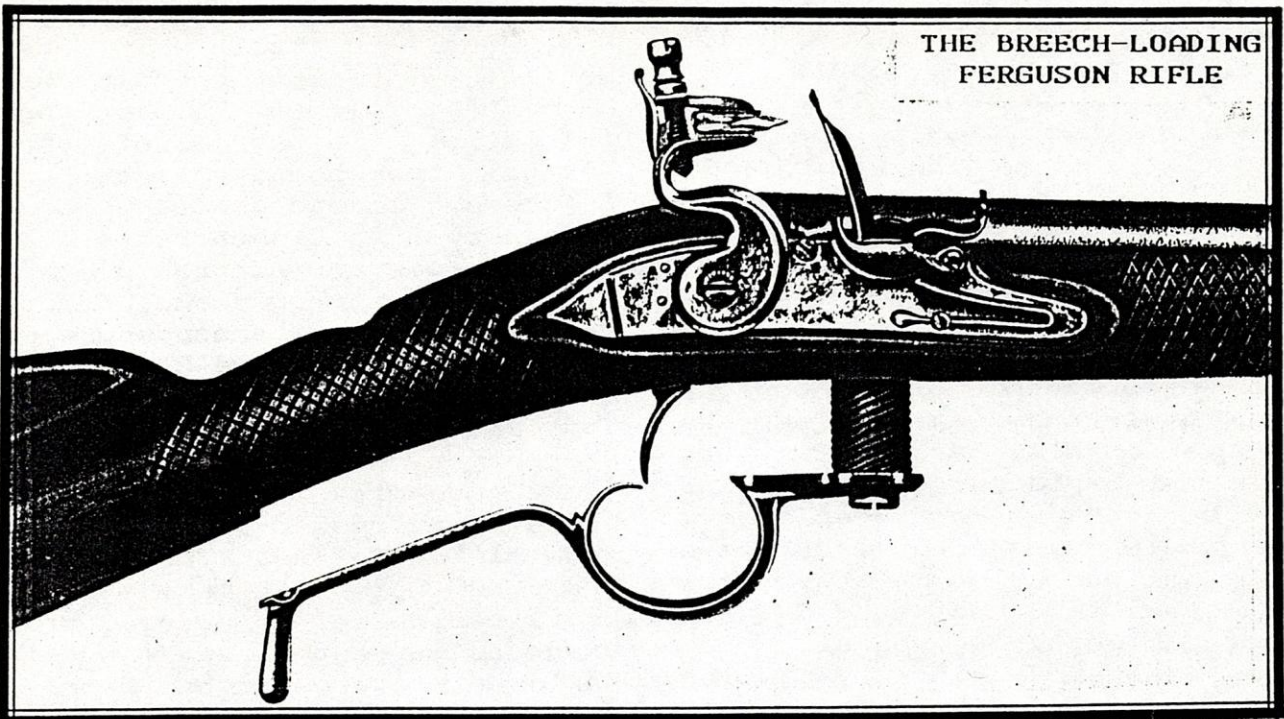
to his inventing the first beechloading musket, named after him, "the Ferguson Rifle", which was much superior to the British "Brown Bess" musket. His weighed seven and one half pounds compared to the the Brown Bess weighed 14 pounds. He demonstrated his rifle's capability by firing at it at a rate of 4 rounds a minute at a target 300 yards away and then increased the rate of fire to 6 rounds per minute at a target 100 yards away. He so impressed His Majesty, King George the Third that he was dispatched to America with orders for Lord William Howe, Commander in-Chief of the British North American Expeditionary Forces to establish a sharpshooters Corp and make Major Patrick Ferguson Commanding Officer!. Unfortun-

ately for America, Ferguson was good. His command served the crown extremely well, and on several occasions was the deciding factor in an engagement

He was soon advanced in rank to Colonel and led his men throughout the war. It was during the Battle of Brandywine that he was seriously wounded in the right elbow losing the use of the arm.

In the immense collections of the Public Records Office in London is some of Colonel Ferguson's correspondence. In one of these letters, to his father, he described, in some depth, the encounter with the

1 London, 1786 vol. 1v, page 84



THE BREECH-LOADING
FERGUSON RIFLE

General Washington. Although, in another letter he indicated that at the time he did not know the American Officer was George Washington!

Ferguson wrote that he and three of his "sharpshooters" were scouting the American lines near Chadd's Ford along the Brandywine River (hence the name of the ensuing battle). He and his men heard the approach of two horsemen. The first he described as being brilliantly clad in the uniform of a Hussar, and the second rider, a few paces behind was dressed in the Buff and Blue of the American Army, and was mounted on a large Bay horse. He was wearing what Ferguson described as "a remarkable large cocked hat" and he also wrote that the Officer was of "exceptional distinction".

It is obvious that if Major Ferguson had indeed recognized General Washington we would have said so, not taking the time to describe him so abstractly.

Ferguson continued. He first

thought that he should shoot the two riders right out of their saddles, so he ordered his men "to steal near to them and fire at them." He then changed his mind, signaling his men to hold their fire. He wrote that he thought his first impulse was "disgusting and without honor!" He then stepped from his place of concealment and ordered the Hussar to dismount. The Hussar shouted a warning to Washington, turned his own horse away from where Ferguson stood and put his spurs to his charger, galloping off in the direction of the American lines. Ferguson went on; "As I was with the distance at which in the quickest firing, I could have lodged a half dozen balls in or about him before he was out of my reach, I had only to be so determine, but it was not pleasant to fire at the back of an unoffending individual who was acquitting himself coolly of his duty, and so I let him alone."

Four days later, the Battle of Brandywine was fought. Major Ferguson and his men distinguished themselves again and again. The Major fell when an American musket ball shattered his right elbow. He would never regain the use of the arm, but was allowed to return to active duty. Shortly thereafter he amazed everyone by demonstrating his ability to load and fire his rifle with one arm!

While in the field hospital he wrote, and judging from the change in his handwriting, he was not ambidextrous. "One of the surgeons who had been dressing the wounded rebel officers came in and told me that they had been informed that General George Washington was all that day, (September 7th, 1777) with the light troops, and only attended by a French officer in Hussar dress, he himself dressed and mounted in every point as described."

This second letter to his Father confirms that he did not

recognize Washington when he challenged him at Chadd's Ford. But, had he known it was General Washington, would he have shot him down? This writer thinks not. In the eighteenth Century, the shooting down of officers in cold-blood was looked upon as dishonorable and Ferguson was an honorable man.

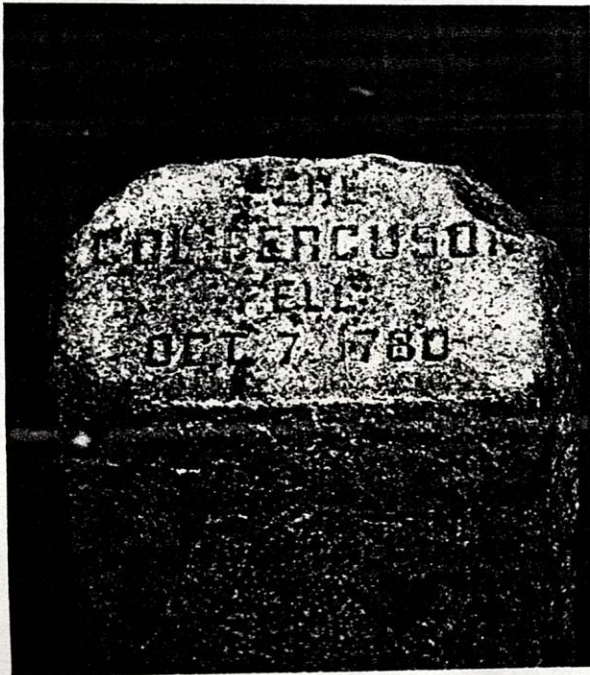
Ferguson proved that fact when he and his sharpshooters were assigned to Lord Cornwallis during the invasion of the Southern Colonies. While in Charleston, South Carolina he heard screaming from a 'rebel house' and rushed in to find several of Colonel Tarleton's Dragoons molesting the women who lived there. He ordered the Dragoons arrested and hung! Tarleton intervened on behalf of his men and informed newly promoted Colonel Ferguson that the men were entitled to a trial. (No record has been found of such a trial taking place) Ferguson later wrote that he did not approve of



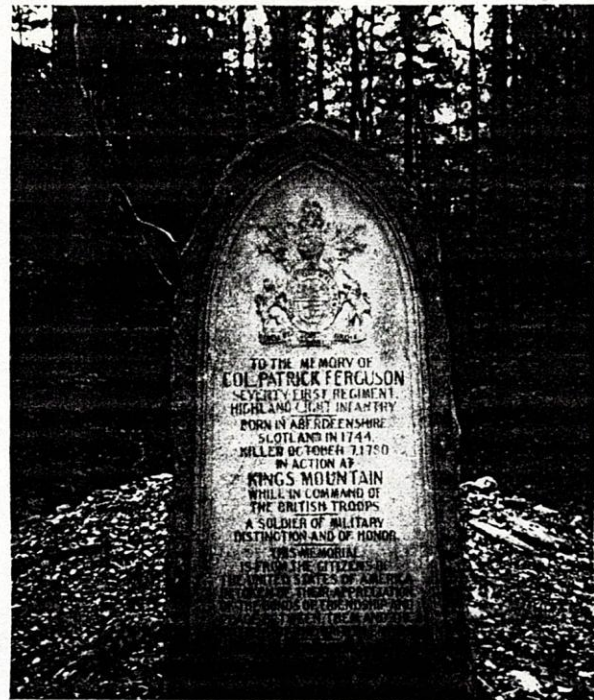
Col. Ferguson shot from his horse as he tried to lead his men through the encircling Patriots at King's Mountain.
From: The Military Collections of the Brown University Library.

"bloodily" Tarleton's methods.

None of George Washington's biographers have been able to confirm this story. Obviously Washington did not record the event as he probably thought it of little importance. Washington could not have known that the British soldiers he encountered were Ferguson and his men and armed with the Ferguson Rifle. He never realized the actual danger he was in, saved only by a Scots personal code of honor. However, LtC Robert Harrison, then one of General Washington's aides wrote to John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, on September 7th, 1777 "Sir, His Excellency being out reconnoitering and busily engaged in the affairs of the Army, I have the honor of acknowledging his receipt of your letter of the 6th". This letter does confirm that Washington was indeed personally scouting the enemy lines and makes the event reported by Ferguson plausible.



The Stone marker noting the location where Ferguson was killed - King's Mountain.



THE FERGUSON MONUMENT

In 1990 your editor visited the King's Mountain Battle Field and stood on the very spot where Colonel Ferguson fell. In that heavily wooded mountainous terrain, hundreds of miles from reinforcements, made it was easy to visualize the hopelessness that led to Colonel Ferguson's desperate and fatal charge. He was trapped. Completely surrounded by sharpshooting frontiersmen with half his command killed or wounded. It was a 'do-or-die' attempt to save what was left of his command. The charge failed and the Battle was lost.

The marker pictured to the left marks the spot where Col. Ferguson died. He was buried one hundred yards to the southwest of where he fell,

On October 7th, 1930, at a special ceremony dedicating the then newly established King's Mountain National Monument and the numerous monuments erected within the park, Compatriot and

President of the United States, Herbert Hoover dedicated each monument including one erected in the memory of Col. Ferguson. The inscription depicted on the previous page reads:

To the Memory of
Col. PATRICK FERGUSON
 Seventy-First Regiment
 Highland Light Infantry
 Born in Aberdeenshire,
 Scotland 1744
 Killed October 7, 1780
 In Action at
KING'S MOUNTAIN
 While in Command
 of the British Troops
 A Soldier of Military
 Distinction and of Honor
 This Memorial is from
 the Citizens of the
 United States of America
 in token of their appreciation
 of the bonds of Friendship
 and Peace between them and the
 Citizens of the British Empire.
 Erected 7 October 1930.

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**THE MINUTES
 OF THE
 OCTOBER
 MONTHLY MEETING**



he monthly meeting of the Chapter was held on October 28th, 1991 at Genio's Restaurant in Burbank, California.

The presiding officer was President Robert C. Emrey and a quorum of the membership was present.

1. THE SEPTEMBER 30th MINUTES

It was moved by Compatriot Donald McLaughlin and Seconded Compatriot Audel Hicks that the Minutes of the September 30th, 1991 meeting be accepted as published. The Motion Carried.

2. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Compatriot Donald McLaughlin reported that the chapter is in sound financial shape and that all bills have been paid.

3. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell reported that several applicants are presently working on their applications, three of whom were attending the meeting: Messrs. Griffing, Kirk and Rodearmel. He reported that Applicant Craft and Rudd's applications have been forwarded to the State Registrar.

4. VETERAN'S BOOK DRIVE REPORT

Compatriot Berni K. Campbell reported that another 75 paperback books had been collected and distributed to the Veteran's Hospital at Sepulveda along with 2 Jig-Saw puzzles.

5. MONTROSE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Secretary Donald N. Moran advised that we have again been invited to participate in the Montrose Christmas Parade on November 30th, 1991. The Chapter informally approved our participation and all arrangements have been made.

6. BOARD OF MANAGER'S MEETING

President Robert C. Emrey advised the Chapter that the meeting of the State's Board of Managers will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Luis Obispo on November 1st and 2nd. Our delegation will include President Robert and Virginia Emrey, Donald and Clarabell McLaughlin, Donald and Linda Moran, George and Mary Van Dorn.

7. 1993 CASSAR MEETING

President Robert C. Emrey reported that the State Society has asked our Chapter to host the 1993 Annual Meeting of the Membership for the State Society. It was Moved to accept the request by Compatriot Donald Moran and Seconded by Compatriot Donald McLaughlin. The Motion carried.

7. NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominations Chairman Audel H. Hicks advised the Chapter that the Committee has nominees for all offices with the exception of Treasurer, It was agreed that a special effort will be made to secure a volunteer before the November elections.

8. VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Compatriot Audel H. Hicks reminded the Chapter that Veteran's Day is November 11th, and that the Sacred Touch Ceremony will be held at Forest Lawn at 11:00 A.M.

PROGRAM

Sergeant William Berry of the Burbank Police Department was presented the S.A.R.'s Law Enforcement Medal and certificate for his twenty years of efforts to educate the Public in self-protection.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS before the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, President Emrey declared the meeting adjourned

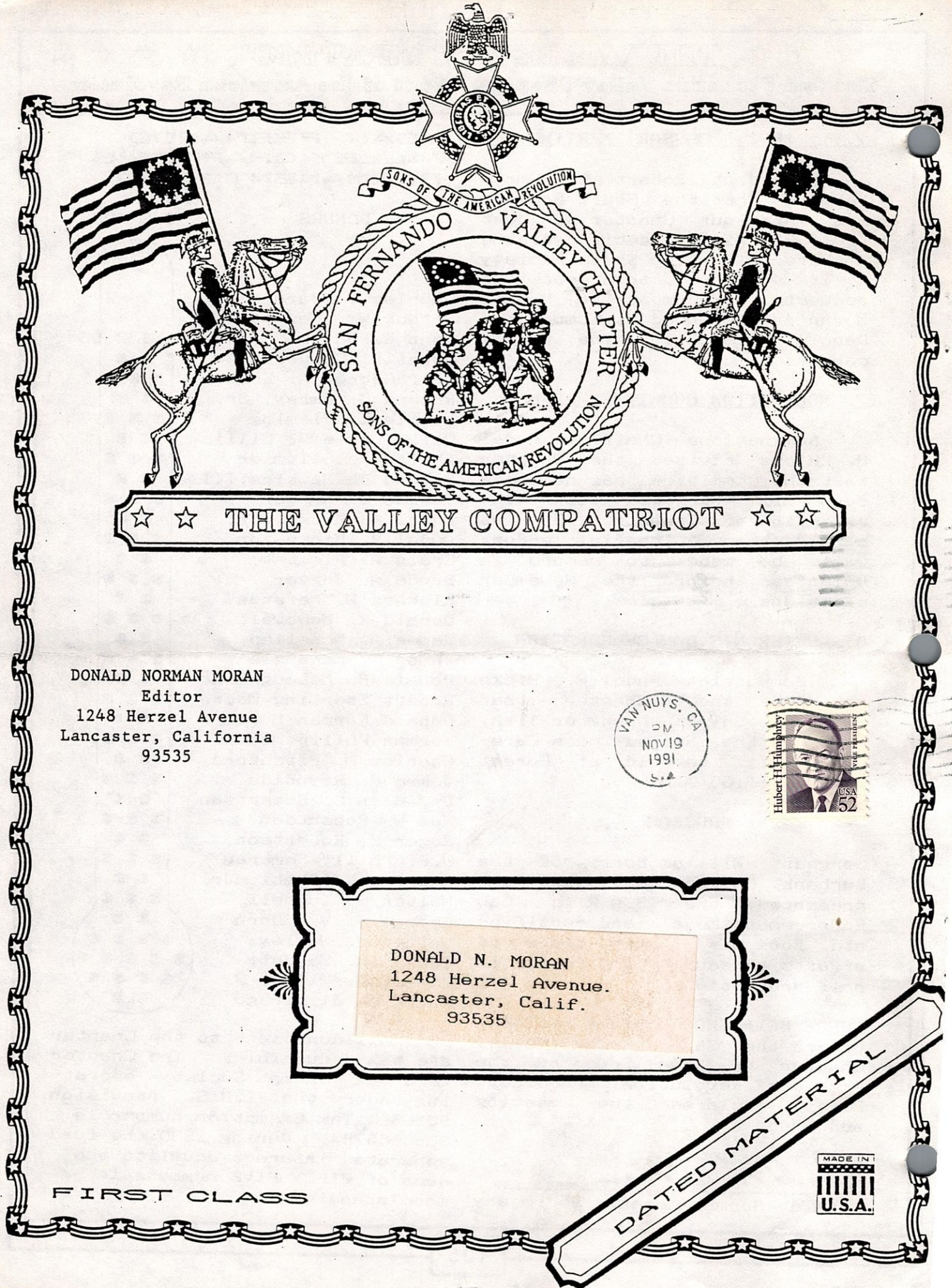
Donald Norman Moran

Donald Norman Moran, Secretary

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER'S PERMANENT FUND

THE DONORS	THE FUND
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George S. Van Dorn	\$ \$
Walter H. Walley	\$ \$ \$ \$
Thomas H. Warden	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Robert J. Wiley, Sr.	\$ \$ \$ \$
Augustus di Zerega	\$ \$
	\$11,132.56

All donations to the Chapter are tax deductible. The Chapter is a tax exempt Society operating under the I.R.S. provision 501C3. Tax Exemption number is: 95-3685784. During 1990 the fund generated interest equal to the dues of FIFTY-FIVE members in good standing.



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