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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

March 14, 2017, at 11

AM at The Wynn House

Program: Alice Lloyd College and College of the Ozarks

Speaker: Barbara Dayhuff

Hostesses: Anne Wilson and Jan Caves

Ancestor Minute: Jeannine Jackson

Reservations Due by Wednesday, March 8

Send check for \$14.50 made payable to

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's hard to believe the final meeting of the 2016-2017 year is approaching. This officer has been busy recording and reporting all of our activities, donations and programs to the State Chairmen in the month of January. We have been some very busy daughters this past year!

Our upcoming meeting on March 14 will feature a program by our Schools Chairman, Barbara Dayhuff, on Alice Lloyd College and College of the Ozarks.

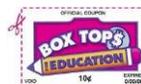
This past month, this officer represented our chapter at the Harris County JROTC banquet at St Luke Ministry Center. The Muscogee County JROTC presentations and the Columbus State University presentations will be in April.

CHAPTER DONATIONS

Please continue to bring Box Tops for Education.

Don't forget to check expiration dates.

Also bring your gently read books and magazines for the Merchant Marine Library. (No romances please.)



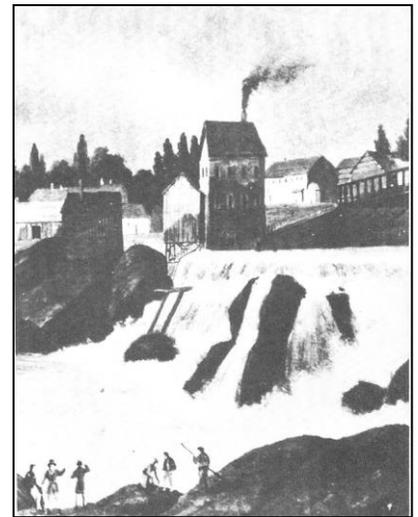
~ AFTER THE WAR OF 1812 ~

Our country had come close to disaster during the War of 1812, but it gained strength from the experience. The United States became different from what it had been a few years earlier. As patriotism grew, Americans began to see the need to produce their own goods ~ manufacturing developed.

Industry began in 1790 with the establishment of a factory near Providence, Rhode island. Samuel Slater, a recent immigrant from England, built the factory at Pawtucket Falls to take advantage of water power to spin thread from cotton. The thread was then given to individuals who wove the cloth on hand looms. Slater reproduced from memory the textile machines he had used in England.

In 1814, Francis Lowell built a textile factory in Waltham, Massachusetts,. It was the first factory to make raw cotton into finished cloth. The thread made in the factory was made into cloth by machines in the factory.

By the end of the War of 1812, considerable advances had been made in producing goods by machines. Textile production had led the way. Soon clothing, shoes, gloves, buttons, buckles, barrels, wheels, nails, wagons came to be produced by machines.



REMEMBER WHEN

The highlight of the May 2010 Associate Council Meeting was the dedication of a historical marker for Camp Hope in Macon.

Above: Ann Garner and a War of 1812 Reenactor provided a color guard.

Above right: Martha Thom, Lynne Tate, and Kitty Thompkins had ancestors who were processed through Camp Hope.

Lower right: members of the Camp Hope AME Church were part of the impressive ceremony. They also care for the Camp Hope Cemetery nearby where many soldiers of the War of 1812 are buried.



NEWS FROM OUR JUNIORS

Many thanks to Erma Jean Brown for sharing these photos and news of her grandchildren's accomplishments.



Christopher Brown, grandson of Erma Jean Brown (and Junior member of the Benjamin Hardin Chapter) is a senior at the King's Academy—a private Christian school. He is a cadet in the JROTC program there, and is the Company Commander (C/CPT.) This is his fourth year in JROTC. He was awarded the Sons of American Revolution National Award for Heroism last year by his Senior Army Instructor Col. Fredrick Stepat.* In the photo at left, Christopher is calling cadence as he proudly marches his company (Charlie Company) in the Marietta Square Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2016.

**We need to ask his grandmother about the action that earned his nomination for this award.*



Alexandria Brown, granddaughter of Erma Jean Brown, is a sophomore at Carson-Newman University. She is also a Junior Member of the Benjamin Hardin Chapter. She joined the Army ROTC program the first semester of her freshman year. During that first semester she applied herself diligently to meeting requirements for a full scholarship through the Army. By second semester, she was notified that she had received her scholarship. She entered into a contract with the Army in February of 2016, and in October, was sworn into the United States Army. On graduation from Carson-Newman, Alexandria will receive an Army commission as a Second Lieutenant Army Nurse.

In the photo above left, she is shown being presented with a check representing her scholarship by Lieutenant Colonel Howe.

In the photo above right, Alexandria is carrying the Tennessee state flag as she marches in a color guard.



A WORD FROM OUR STATE PRESIDENT



Our State Associate Council will be Saturday, May 6, 2017, at Idle Hour Country Club in Macon.

First Vice-President Sharon Sowders and I will be attending National Associate Council in Washington, DC in April. I'm sure that we will have lots to report.

Yours in USD1812 Friendship,
Rachel

SEEN IN THE FEBRUARY 2017 NSUSD1812 NEWS—LETTER

Page 18: Ann Scott Garner in photo and story of the Purple Heart Highway dedication.

Page 49: GSUSD1812 Report by Rachel Colbert.

Page 79: Photo of Dianne Cannestra with the quilt she made and presented at the Georgia State Society Fall Board of Management Meeting.

Page 82: Ad for the Georgia State Society Fort Hawkins pin.

Pages 19-21: Interesting History Articles including a picture history of the Presidents National NSUSD1812.

DRESS A DOLLEY

Fascinated by period costumes? Do you like to sew doll clothes? Check out the guidelines for the **Dress a Dolley Contest** on page 11 of the February 2017 *News-Letter*.

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Newsletter Editors, Martha Thom and Eunice Carr

DOLLEY MADISON'S ROSE-COLORED SILK VELVET DRESS

The following is taken from a Historical Article by Jane Thomas, Cherokee Chapter, Greenville, South Carolina. NSUSD1812 NEWS-LETTER, August 2013.

Dolley Payne Madison was born in Greensboro, North Carolina. The city has taken great pride in this association. A Dolley Madison Memorial Association, and later the Greensboro Historical Museum, cared for its Madison collection. A dress made of heavy red silk velvet that could be traced to Dolley was the centerpiece of the collection.

In 2013, the Smithsonian Museum "borrowed" this dress

for a special exhibit to commemorate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. With assurances that the now fragile dress would be cared for properly, the Greensboro Historical Museum allowed its treasure, which had not been displayed in twenty years, to go to Washington.

After Dolley Madison's death in 1849, her son, Payne Todd, held a public auction to sell off all her personal belongings. Favorite niece Anna Payne, the daughter of Dolley's brother, John C. Payne, and her husband James C. Causten, Jr., managed to purchase several pieces and all of the unsold items in a later auction.

These items passed down over time to Anna's grandson, John Kunkel and his wife Neva who survived him.

Upon Neva's death, a friend of the executor found a true treasure trove in the proverbial attic; actually a small storage area under the eaves in an old converted schoolhouse the Kunkels had occupied since 1934.

Inside was a battered trunk, a plethora of old books, and other items belonging to the Madisons. Besides the red velvet dress, contents of the trunk included an embroidered vest, a heavy red silk cloak trimmed with gold, a satin backed bed cover, a white lace bodice, a pair of evening slippers, a cambric shirt, several white turbans favored by the First Lady, scent bottles, daguerreotypes of Dolley Madison by Matthew Brady, her Bible, and a carved ivory card case. By the time all the boxes were unpacked and inventoried, there were more than 400 items. All quietly hidden away for decades.

The Dolley Madison Memorial Association in Greensboro was able to raise funds to purchase the collection for \$10,000. When its founder Mrs. Eleanor Pearson died, the Association disbanded and donated their entire collection to the Greensboro Historical Museum.

The dress is now safely back in Greensboro, carefully stored, while a beautifully sewn replica is standing in on display.