



## Captain John Collins Chapter

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

# The Collins Dispatch

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August 2012

The Chapter meeting starts at 7PM the third Tuesday every month. We gather at the Golden Corral on Barrett Parkway about 6PM for dinner and fellowship before the meeting. Family and friends are welcome.

### August 21 Chapter Meeting

Earl Cagle, "The Battle of Eutaw Springs"

### September 8 Suttles Grave

Dedication, Utoy Cemetery, 11 a.m.

### September 16 Constitution Day Festival at Glover Park,

Marietta Square 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Constitution with educational programs for children and adults as well as entertainment.

### September 18 Chapter Meeting

George Nelson "Patriotic Women of the American Revolution".

### September 21 9 a.m. Patriotism Presentation

Kennesaw Mountain High School

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL

Patriotism Programs, 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Constitution, Fall Outing, and Renewal.

With the activity displayed in the following pages, we certainly had a busy Summer, but Fall is upon us. September is the "Official" restart of State Color Guard activities that avoided the heat of Summer. On September 8<sup>th</sup>, we are revisiting one of the cemeteries in Atlanta where our State commenced marking Patriot Graves after years of inactivity. The Utoy Cemetery dedication in 1999 of two Patriot graves was the photo used on the first

National CD of SAR Patriot Graves Register. We are returning to mark the grave of William Suttles at 11AM.

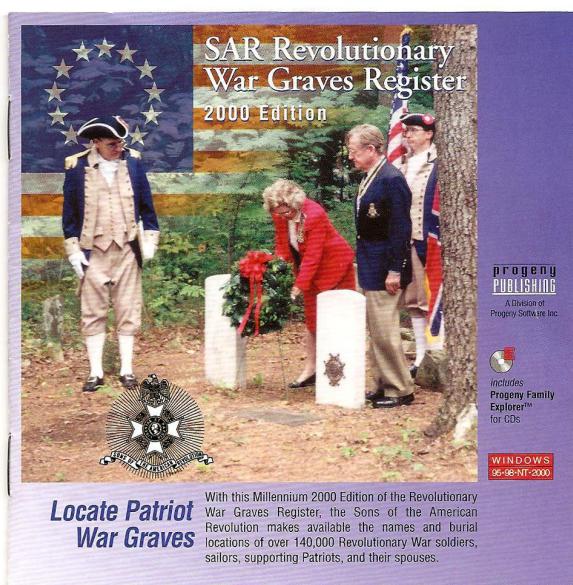
The following weekend on Sunday 9/16/12, we are participating in the recognition of the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the



Constitution on the Square in Marietta. We are sponsoring a booth that needs to be manned as well as opening with the story of Francis Scott Key's writing of the National Anthem and instructing at some of the Amendment stations.

Renewal of membership starts at this time of year. The new form is included and will be followed with a mailing. We look forward to being with you in spirit as well as body in the coming year.

**FALL OUTING:** Since our inception, the Chapter has held an event in October to explore some of our State's and surrounding area's history and to offer an opportunity to spend time getting to know each other. Compatriot David Ludley is coordinating



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Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos to Larry Guzy for inclusion in the next edition of the *Collins Dispatch*. Deadline October 4th.

## President's Message

Compatriots,

Even though the number of activities was few during this summer, the Marietta Daily Journal's article about Revolutionary War Veterans buried in Cobb and participation in Marietta's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade provided great opportunities to advance our Visibility Campaign and therefore, increase awareness of our organization. Even Marietta's Mayor Tumlin commented on the MDJ article during float preparation prior to the parade.

As I travel through Cobb meeting and talking with folks, I continue to see evidence that our Visibility Campaign is indeed working and Cobb's business and government leaders appear to be more knowledgeable about the Sons of the American Revolution.

With summer behind us and fall almost upon us, it's time to begin



*Wayne Brown*

our work with the schools. Our Traveling Trunk should get a lot of use this school year and I'm looking forward to another successful Poster & Essay Contest.

While I believe that we would all agree that visibility is important to the present and future of our chapter, I also believe that our future would be very dim without the influx of new members. To that point, our Registrar has been extremely busy with new membership applications. He has submitted seven completed applications to the Georgia Society and is working on an additional twenty. With this increased workload, Compatriots Van Blackwell and Earl Cagle have stepped up to assist in providing guidance to prospective members and in processing applications. Please join me in congratulating Compatriot Blackwell on his appointment to Assistant Registrar.

Wayne Brown, President

## Collins Member News & Happenings

So far in 2012:

**One Member**, Van Blackwell, submitting a **supplement**

**Two Members reinstated**: Van Blackwell and John Gilcrest

**Three Members approved** in 2012: Richard Canfield, John Mattingly and

Thomas Van Brackett

Private William Brookshire

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**Twelve Applications signed or submitted**: Harry & Rickford Vaughan, Al and Adam Handlan, Bryan Black, Lamar Cheatham, Andrew Seger, William and Patrick Reese, Richard Hoyt (VT) and grandson Jonathan Snyder (East Cobb), Chandler Vreeland

**Twenty Two Applications being completed**: Guy Wells, Lee Hulsey, Dick Roberts, Denton Hammond, W. C. Pickens, Don Buchanon, Justin Ove, Will Johnson, David Stone, Michael Aiken, Robert Light, Jerry Anderson, Jim Smith, Steve Cross, Jon Holland, Paul Bennecke, Thad Brummett, Josh Cooper, Chris Moody, Greg Settle, Doug Talley, Jonathan Shepperd

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The Collins Dispatch is published every other month. October 4<sup>th</sup> will be the next deadline for articles. Send articles, photos, or your bio to Larry Guzy at [larry@adjustmentservices.com](mailto:larry@adjustmentservices.com) or regular mail at 4531 Paper Mill Rd SE, Marietta, GA 30067-4025.

*If you have new member leads, contact Registrar Larry Guzy or Asst. Registrar Van Blackwell.*

## Calling Post

The chapter takes advantage of an automated calling service to remind members of meetings and notify them of important news. If you want your name added or deleted from this list, call or email

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our event this year at the National Archives in Morrow on **Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> 10AM to 2PM**. We will have a tour and opportunity to use the facility along with a room for lunch if we choose not to go out to a restaurant. The price is excellent—cost of lunch! Due to their cutbacks and schedule questions, we could only obtain a firm commitment from the Archives for this date.

## West Patriot Marker

Compatriot David Thompson's Patriot Ancestor Willis West's marker was placed Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The chapter will officially dedicate the market later this year. We must clean the cemetery first.

David has already completed the location, bio, and marker setting. It is about 10 times worse than the Old Alatoona Cemetery and it is on the other side of Atlanta. Because there are no trees growing there and therefore no shade, the briars, hawthornes, kudzu and fire ants have taken over. The Willis West Cemetery is located near the intersection of Wagon Wheel Trail and Westbridge Road in north Fayette County.

One of Willis West's sons was Britton West who lived adjacent to Willis in Fayette County. Britton's 1837 cabin has been restored and is on display at the living history center of Westville, GA.

Westville is located in Stewart County, near the town of Lumpkin.



## Marietta Fourth of July Parade

The SAR float was warmly received by a really good crowd of spectators at the Marietta July 4th parade. It was a great way to celebrate the birthday of our nation. People from toddlers to senior citizens responded to our little SAR group with cheers, "happy fourth". Many stood, snapped to attention and saluted, and several offered praise and encouragement. I do believe I saw a few tears also.

Our float and most of our team were caught briefly on Channel 11 news about 7:30 this evening. The float was really quite impressive and seemed to catch a lot of attention. The attention it received can, to some extent, be attributed to our compatriots in their period uniforms, the muskets, and our neat red, white, and blue float. But mostly, I think our little float and small band of compatriots caught their eye and held their attention largely because it reminded them of our patriot forefathers. It was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices of those first American patriots and all those brave soldiers who have kept our nation free.



*Chris Boyce of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Wayne Brown, Jim Castle, Bert Christy, David Martin and Larry Guzy. The float was reconstructed at Chris' home.*

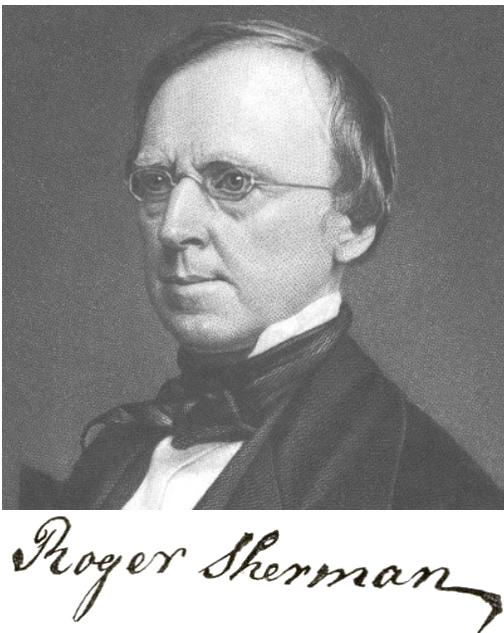
Those of you who were not able to help with the float and participate in the parade missed out on some great fellowship, a lot of good fun and just a little work. You might want to think about participating next year.

Bert R. Christy, Secretary  
Capt. John Collins  
Chapter

## *Signers of the Declaration of Independence*

And you think you are busy:  
Roger Sherman 1721 to 23 July  
1793 at age 72

Is it even possible to imagine someone could accomplish as much as Signer Sherman? He was a self educated shoemaker and is the only person to have signed ALL four of the documents that led to our current government: age 53 in 1774 the Continental Association, in 1776 the Declaration of Independence, 1783 the Articles of Confederation, and 1787 the United States Constitution. He was also one of the Committee of Five selected to draft the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson credited Sherman with "having never said a foolish thing in his life". He died of typhoid in New Haven, Connecticut, at age 72 on July 23, 1793.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 28-29** Leadership Meeting,  
Louisville National Headquarters

**October 12** 9 a.m. Patriotism Presentation,  
Paulding High School

**October 12** Marietta Natl. Cemetery  
event (detailed page 5) →

**October 13** Willis West Cemetery Clean-  
up 9 a.m.

**October 16** Chapter Meeting, Compatriot  
Jack Ferguson will speak on "Nathaniel  
Greene—Quaker Patriot"

**October 20** Chapter Fall Outing to National  
Archives

**October 27** 10 a.m. GASSAR BOM,  
Barnesville

**November 3** Willis West Cemetery  
Cleanup 9 a.m.

**November 8** Collins Chapter, final 2012  
BOM, location to be announced

**November 10** Flag Retirement Ceremony,  
5:45 p.m. at the Pavilion on Due West  
UMC campus, 3956 Due West Rd., Marietta

There are dedication events nearly every week in many parts of Georgia. Look at the GASSAR website or the *Hornet's Nest* for complete listings.



*Cobb County Sheriff Neil Warren,  
and other local officials, visited with  
Wayne Brown and Rodney Pritchett  
at the Marietta Fourth of July  
parade.*



United States Congress. Sherman was the mayor of New Haven and a member of the United States Senate at the time of his death. He was as prolific in his personal life as he was in his political career. He had seven children with his first wife, Elizabeth Hartwell, and eight more with his second wife, Rebecca Minot Prescott.

Sherman was buried near the Yale campus. He is remembered with a statue at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and a street named in his honor in Madison, Wisconsin.

## Community Outreach

In June, Larry Guzy was invited to speak to the Marietta Kiwanis luncheon. He spoke about the significance of flags and wore his newly acquired German uniform. After the presentation, the Kiwanis were awarded with a Flag Certificate from the chapter.

The speech was favorably reviewed by Bill Kinney of the Marietta Daily Journal



*Larry Guzy, Curtis McWaters, a representative of the Marietta Kiwanis, and Wayne Brown.*



*Wayne Brown presented a flag certificate in August at Williamson Brothers Bar-B-Que.*

in the following Sunday's newspaper, further extending our exposure to the community.

Williamson Brothers Bar-B-Que received a Flag Certificate in August presented by Wayne Brown.

Any member of the chapter may award a flag certificate to a business or individual who properly displays the flag. The awards should be coordinated with Lamon Smith to see if a certificate has already been awarded by the chapter.

**October 12<sup>th</sup> Friday  
11:30AM**

Patriot, Governor and War of 1812 Patriot John Clark and his life will be celebrated at 11:30AM Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> at Marietta National Cemetery. SAR, Dar, and the 1812 Societies will participate. Historian Brad Quinlan will coordinate the event with the National Cemetery as well as designing the program.

*A correctly displayed flag is illuminated at night, like this one which hangs in front of a commercial building in Louisville, KY. Additional information about the flag code is available on numerous websites.*



## Genealogy Notes:

When submitting documents for genealogy review either for new applications or additional Patriots (supplemental), there are a few things that can speed up the process. Here are some hints:

1. Make sure there are only red x's on the outside edge of a document that indicates name information. Highlighting will cause the page to be rejected or recopied to eliminate the marker if possible to do so
2. Submit only one copy of a document even if it supports more than one generation. You should note the applicability of the document on each line of proofs submitted, however only one copy is needed
3. Family histories are wonderful CLUES, however they need to be carefully examined to see if there are SOURCES noted as to where the information originated so they may be examined. Without sources, family histories are hearsay and primary or secondary sources are needed

If your father or grandfather became members and location spaces were left blank, they should be filled in before submission. Yes there is such a thing as "grandfather clause" however the original application on which membership was based should be examined for good genealogy. Remember that your application will be a permanent record for future generations to build upon and if you have not proven your application, it means disappointment in those generations because they will have to prove your application!

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*The Chapter's namesake, Captain John Collins' headstone is at the Mars Hill cemetery in Acworth.*

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Marietta Mayor Steve Tumlin joined the Revolutionary troops before the Fourth of July parade.

**Chapter Website** <http://www.captainjohncollins.org>

Toiletries (but not small bar soap), magazines, blankets and books are needed at Veteran care facilities. Bring items to be donated to the chapter meetings and report your visits to Vets and other activities.

**Veteran & Americanism points can add up fast!**

## Delaware: Not a Colony Under British Rule

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1776, the Assembly of the Lower Counties of Pennsylvania declares itself independent of British and Pennsylvanian authority, thereby creating the state of Delaware.

Delaware did not exist as a colony under British rule. As of 1704, Pennsylvania had two colonial assemblies: one for the "Upper Counties," originally Bucks, Chester and Philadelphia, and one for the "Lower Counties on the Delaware" of New Castle, Kent and Sussex. All of the counties shared one governor.

Thomas McKean and Caesar Rodney, the same two men who represented the Lower Counties in the Stamp Act Congress of 1765, proposed the Lower Counties' simultaneous separation from Pennsylvania and the British crown. McKean and Rodney, along with George Read, represented the Lower Counties at the First Continental Congress in 1774 as well as the Second Continental Congress in 1775-76. When Read refused to vote for independence, McKean had famously summoned an ailing Rodney, who rode overnight from Dover, Delaware,

to Philadelphia in order to cast his vote in favor of independence and break the Delaware delegation's stalemate.

McKean and Rodney were punished for their zealous pursuit of independence in an area heavily populated by Loyalists. The first Delaware General Assembly, a body that owed its existence to McKean and Rodney, chose not to return them to the Continental Congress in October 1776. But, after Wilmington, Delaware, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, fell under British occupation, the second General Assembly returned the two Patriots to the Continental Congress in October 1777. Both men went on to serve as president of the state of Delaware. Rodney held the post from March 31, 1778, to November 6, 1781. McKean served briefly as the acting president from September 22 until October 20, 1777, while George Read traveled from Philadelphia to assume the post, left vacant by John McKinly's capture by British troops.

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