



Captain John Collins Chapter

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Collins Dispatch

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Dates to Remember

The Chapter meeting starts at 7PM the third Tuesday every month. We gather at the Cherokee Cattle Co., 2710 Canton Hwy., 6PM for dinner and fellowship before the meeting. Family and friends are welcome.

Oct. 18 Chapter Meeting
Compatriot Allen Henson will tell us about one of his evolutionary war ancestors and share some artifacts.

October 29 Fall Outing

Nov. 21 Chapter Meeting
Bernard King, Public Program Coordinator, Cobb County Emergency Management Agency, will talk on the subject of emergency preparedness.

Additional events and activities, see the GA SAR website georgiasocietysar.org

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Fall Outing October 29

The Fuller Gun Collection

We will travel to the Chickamauga National Battlefield Park in Fort Oglethorpe, GA, for our Fall Outing on October 29.

The National Park Service notes, "In 1863, Union and Confederate forces fought for control of Chattanooga, known as the "Gateway to the Deep South." The Confederates were victorious at nearby Chickamauga in September. However, renewed fighting in Chattanooga that November provided Union troops victory and control of the city. After the fighting, a Confederate soldier ominously wrote, "This...is the death-knell of the Confederacy."

In a room next to the museum is the gun collection of Claud Fuller, simply known as

the Fuller Gun Collection. While there are hundreds of muskets and rifles, there is a lot more to see in the museums if guns are not your cup of tea.

This is a great opportunity for fellowship



with your compatriots. Carpooling is suggested, from the Target parking lot at Town Center Mall. This is almost directly behind the chapter's previous meeting place at the Golden Corral on Barrett Parkway.

Lunch will be determined by the attendees when hunger dictates.

Reservations will be taken at the regular

October 18th chapter meeting so that all know for whom we will be waiting before heading out to Fort Oglethorpe.

Last Dispatch as Editor

With my increasing responsibilities to serve the National Society, I regret that I must give up my position as Editor of the *Collins Dispatch*. With personal travel in November and December, the next issue will come out post New Year if there is an Editor by then. Larry Guzy

Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos to **Stan Virden** for inclusion in the next edition of *The Collins Dispatch*. Deadline **January 4**.

President's Message

Compatriots,

Once again I have the opportunity to address a great group of men. Your Patriot Ancestors would be very proud of your involvement in our great organization.

I have had the honor of inducting four new members and one junior member so far (at this printing) this year, and I have two more to induct at the October meeting, however we need more members to join. I really think we can accomplish this.

I cannot stress enough that we survive on new members. So many potential members are within our reach and they just need a little nudge. I would like to challenge each one of you to bring one person to visit our...no wait...."YOUR" chapter as a potential member. And remember if you mentor at least 10 new members, you will receive a medal and certificate

First and foremost is membership retention and bringing more individuals into our Chapter. We need to make sure we get the word out and make the SAR better known. How do we do this? A good question, but, we truly need ideas as to how we can spread the word. Funny how many folks know about the DAR. But the SAR? Maybe newspaper ads, or the next time we are at an event, how would it be to call the MDJ, or AJC to cover it. They are always searching for news...let's let it be good news.

The DAR Referral Awards program of the Georgia Society can recognize a DAR



member or Chapter for referring at least five new members to SAR. Our Chapter is regularly attended by members of the Fielding Lewis Chapter of the DAR, including Hellen Story and Julia Howell, two of the most gracious ladies you can find. They are willing to help and we can help the DAR.

I hate to sound like a broken record, but the Chapter needs your help. We need a "Webpage" person, as well as an editor for the "Dispatch". These jobs are essential. They send and receive information to the Chapter as well as the general public. I understand you do not need to be a computer expert for the webpage, or an accomplished writer to take care of the Dispatch, but it might help.... LOL. In short, if you have the desire to be a Chapter Officer and would wish to help out, please don't hesitate to ask questions regarding those positions. It will not hurt a bit to ask what is involved. And, I can guarantee no one will bite.

In closing, let me revisit the issue of membership, every one of us that have gone through the process knows what a great feeling it is to be recognized as a member who has a Patriot Ancestor that loved freedom. The SAR is worthy of our attention and involvement.

Bring a guest to our future meetings!

Best Regards

Lee Hulsey
Chapter President

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The Collins Dispatch is published every other month. **January 4th** will be the next deadline for articles. Send articles, photos, or your bio to Stan Virden at vivahaus@comcast.net

If you have new member leads, contact Registrar Van Blackwell rblackwell1001@comcast.net

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

peterashtonlyon@gmail.com
or call 770-579-9373

Collins Member News & Happenings

See page 5 for Michael Reithner and his son as they were welcomed as new members at the September meeting.

A position of greeter—yes as in Wal-Mart—is truly needed, so that visitors and new members feel welcome. Think how this would make you feel if you were new.

Graves Markings

Patriot Robert Walters & Patriot Moses Ayers

These were Revolutionary War Soldiers – men who fought for your freedom even before this country was known as the United States! After the Revolutionary War, new lands were opened up here in Georgia and Robert Walters and Amos Ayers won land in what was then known as Franklin County. After settling on their new land, Franklin County was divided up into smaller counties one known as Hart County (1853), named after Revolutionary War heroine Nancy Hart who was instrumental in helping Col. Elijah Clarke (Clarke County was named for him) drive out the Tories and British soldiers from this area. Hart is well known for helping Capt. Stephen Heard escape from the gallows. Heard later became Governor of Georgia.

Attending Events

All members and their families are welcome at ceremonies throughout the state. Grave Markings are listed on the home page of the Georgia Society website at: www.georgiasociety.sar.org



NW Regional Vice President Curtis McWaters at Patriot Walters Grave Marking in Lavonia, GA on Saturday, Sept. 3.



Chapter President Lee Hulsey honored Patriot Walters at grave marking. **Sr. Vice President Wayne Brown** represented Georgia State President Allen Greenly.



Georgia SAR Sr. Vice President Wayne Brown salutes Patriot Moses Ayers who was buried in Hartwell, GA. The ceremony was Sept. 3.



NW Regional Vice President Curtis McWaters bowed at the gravesite of Patriot Moses Ayers.



The chapter wreath was presented by **President Lee Hulsey** at the Ayers ceremony.

Constitution Week Ceremony

GA SAR Sr. Vice President Wayne Brown attended the ceremonies in Augusta on Sept. 13, hosted by the August Chapter DAR.

The ceremony took place in front of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and was well attended. There were approximately 150 in attendance with about 50 children from local schools. Proclamations were presented by the Mayor of Augusta and the Mayor of North Augusta. It was befitting to commemorate the adoption of our Constitution near the final resting place of Patriot William Few, one of the Constitution's two signers from Georgia.





JAMES K. POLK
The Most Significant President You Probably Don't Think About
POLK: THE MAN WHO TRANSFORMED THE PRESIDENCY AND AMERICA

by Walter R. Borneman

--Reviewed by Stan Virden

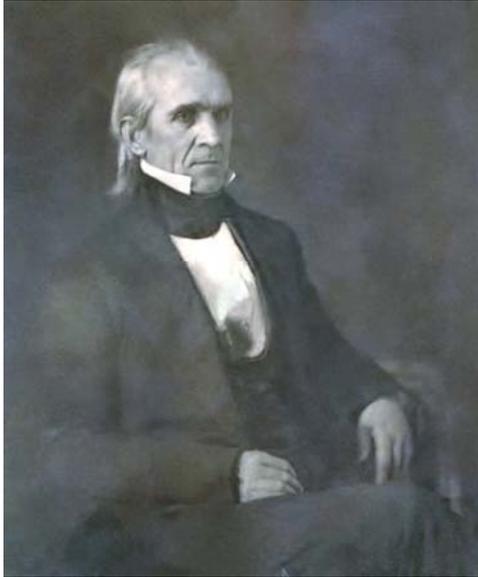


Photo by Mathew Brady

Emerging from success in Tennessee politics as a protege of Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, a highly disciplined, no-nonsense candidate, won the U. S. Presidency in 1844 with the stated goal of remaining in office only four years. A promise he kept. With a sharp focus on foreign policy, his objectives for that period were: 1) reduce the tariff, 2) establish an independent treasury, 3) acquire the Oregon territory, and 4) acquire New Mexico and California from Mexico. This was a tall order, but he fulfilled it, as the strongest Chief Executive in the years between Jackson and Lincoln.

At 49 the youngest President elected up until that time, a tough, glint-eyed, micro-manager, often in poor health, he survived only 103 days after turning over the White House to Zachary Taylor in 1849. Yet his accomplishments and effect on our country put most other Presidents in the shade.

Polk locked horns with Britain over ownership of the Pacific Coast from California to Canada at the 49th parallel. By deft maneuvers he thereby acquired lands that became Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, as well as parts of Montana and Wyoming. Just prior to Polk's inauguration, Texas had been admitted into the Union. Mexico objected, followed by rejection of Polk's offer to buy New Mexico and California. Polk reacted in 1846 by declaring war on Mexico, accepting their surrender in 1848. The result was extension of U.S. territory from Texas to the Pacific. The war also became the famous training ground for military leadership on both sides of our later Civil War. Polk also set his eye on acquiring Cuba, but this did not pan out.

Domestically, in 1846 he managed to replace existing tariff rates with a schedule much lower. This was a boon to the less-industrialized South, as it rendered less expensive not only imported goods, but provided competition that pushed down prices on domestic goods, as well. Further, he established an independent treasury system that prevailed until 1913. To top it all off, he oversaw the opening of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Smithsonian Institution, groundbreaking for the Washington Monument, and issuance of the first U.S. postage stamp.

In **Polk**, Walter R. Borneman gives us clear oversight of American history of the 1830's and 1840's, when railroads and the telegraph were transforming our country's way of life. He traces Polk's emergence from Pineville NC to the House of Representatives and the governorship of Tennessee. While disliked and unpopular with many of his opponents, Polk attained the White House in the cliff-hanger election of 1844, and single-mindedly went about solidifying our country's claim to the "Lower 48," with the sad consequence of increasing controversy over expansion of slavery. Borneman makes a great case for ranking Polk, warts-and-all, as one of our most successful Presidents. Certainly, he shines a bright light on a previously dark corner of the process of our nation becoming what it is today.

Naturalization Ceremony

On September 9, at the U. S. District Court in Rome, GA, **GA SAR Sr. Vice President Wayne Brown, NW Regional Vice President Curtis McWaters** and members from the Rome SAR and DAR chapters, attended the Naturalization Ceremony.

The ceremony was presided over by Honorable Walter E. Johnson, U. S. Magistrate Judge.

About 50 new citizens from 23 different countries were naturalized, including representatives of the People's Republic of China, Vietnam, and Mexico.



Curtis McWaters with U.S. Magistrate Judge Walter E. Johnson



State Atty General Sam Olens was the speaker for the annual Constitution Day luncheon held by the DAR at the Piedmont Driving Club in Atlanta.

Compatriot Lloyd Blackwell was the speaker.



Fall Cemetery Cleanup

Clean-up day for Old Allatoona Cemetery is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 at 9:30 AM, so mark your calendars now. Usually the work consists of picking up a lot of sticks. The cemetery is next to 2530 County Line Road, Acworth, GA 30101 A .pdf map giving directions is available on the chapter website or at this [LINK](#).

Here are instructions from the **Cobb County Cemetery Preservation Commission** concerning acceptable tools, supplies, and equipment:

- ... Leaf Blowers
- ... Axes
- ... Chain Saws
- ... Leaf (broom) Rakes
- ... Lopping Shears
- ... Hand Trimmers (i.e., rose trimmers)
- ... Plastic Bags (for leaf collection)



The following tools and equipment **WILL NOT** be acceptable in any way for the cleaning procedures:

- ... No Tractors or Heavy Equipment
- ... No Rototillers
- ... No Trowels
- ... No Shovels
- ... No Digging Apparatus of any sort
- ... No Steel Tooth Rakes

Also, here are the **Cobb County Cemetery Preservation Commission** Safety suggestions:

- ... Car-pool to cemeteries if possible to keep vehicles to a minimum.
- ... Park vehicles clear of roadway.
- ... Keep work groups to a manageable size.
- ... Provide close supervision of youth groups.
- ... Do not remove any hazardous material.
- ... Stay clear of construction areas.
- ... Hold safety meeting with group prior to clean-up.
- ... Do not clean-up during inclement weather or hours of darkness.
- ... Be aware of possible contact with poisonous plants, stinging insects, fire ants and snakes.
- ... Consider all known allergies before participants are allowed to take part in clean-up.
- ... Be aware that alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- ... Know you are working in a possible hazardous environment and act accordingly.

Your help will be appreciated as many hands make light work.

Carey Pickens

Get To Know Our New Members

Michael Reither was born in California but considers Houston, TX to be his hometown. He attended public school and college in Texas and started researching his family history twenty-five years ago.

As a young boy, Reither heard stories about possible American Revolutionary War soldiers in his lineage but he was not able to prove it until recently by using online genealogy services and accessing DAR records. His patriot ancestor is Private Alexander Ramsay who served in the militia for Bucks County, PA and also provided blankets for the Continental Army.

Reither is currently researching two more patriot soldiers in his lineage for future recognition. He has a nephew, Ryan Laffey, and two step-sons, Jay and Mark Dungan, who will join the Captain John Collins Chapter in the next few months.

William Reither attends kindergarten at Garrison Mill Elementary School and enjoys playing with his older brothers, Jay and Mark. William's father wants him to learn the importance of his family history at an early age and the SAR is a great place to start. William's loving mother – Marilyn Rowell Reither – is a native Georgian and hopes to join the DAR in the near future.



Both Michael and William are members of the *Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)* and *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)*.

C.A.R.

Remember to enroll the junior members of your family in the Children of the American Revolution (CAR), which is the farm club to our adult organizations. Both girls and boys may be members.

Earl Stallings Howell, Jr. was born in Irwinville, Irwin County, Georgia on December 23, 1939, the son of Earl Stallings Howell, Sr. and Sarah Lucille Clements. He graduated high school from Irwin County High School in 1956, and graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1962.

He worked for Western Electric in their Engineering Department for five years before returning to the University of Georgia where he graduated with a Master's Degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1969. After graduating, he worked for the University of Georgia as an Assistant Professor in Waste Management Research. Later he moved to Raleigh, North Carolina and worked for NC State University in waste management before returning to Atlanta in 1974 and working as an Environmental Engineer for the Environmental Protection Agency Region IV covering eight southeastern states. He held several jobs in the Water Protection Division including Chief of the Wetlands, Oceans and Watershed Branch. Later he became Chief of the Safe Drinking Water Branch where he retired in 2011.



Stallings Howell

In 1961, Howell married Julia Crumbley; and they had two boys, Earl III, who is a lawyer in Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia; and Wesley, who died of Hodgkin's Disease in 2000. They have no grandchildren. Julia worked for The Coca-Cola Company in the Scientific and Regulatory Affairs Department as Director of Regulatory Submissions retiring in 2000 to become a consultant. Both Howell's and Julia's jobs required extensive travel.

While the boys were growing up, Howell served as Assistant Scout Master Troop 723 in Powder Springs where both sons earned their Eagle Scout Awards.

After retirement, both Howell and Julia are active in the Cobb County GOP, and both sing in two choirs at First Baptist Church Powder Springs. He is a member of the Gideons International; and Julia is a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Fielding Lewis Chapter. They are both history enthusiasts, love reading, gardening and traveling.

Howell received approval for membership from the Registrar General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution on September 16, under National Number 199918 and GA Society. His Patriot is Joseph Howell, a Private in Captain Adam Alexander's Company, Militia of Mecklenburgh County, North Carolina.

Brier Creek Remembered

On September 10th, near Sylvania, GA, the Battle of Brier Creek was commemorated with ceremonies near the site of the confrontation.

This site is in danger of development and only a small portion of the battleground has been placed under protection although the entire property is owned by the State of Georgia.

A Facebook page called "Battle-of-Brier-Creek-Georgia-American-Revolutionary-War" concerns itself with preservation of this site.

It is believed that about 200 patriots died at this site and that they were buried there. Damage to these graves is feared from logging authorized at the site.

The battle was fought on March 3, 1779 near the confluence of [Brier Creek](#) with the Savannah River. It was a defeat for the Patriots that occurred not long after their success in overcoming the British at Kettle Creek.

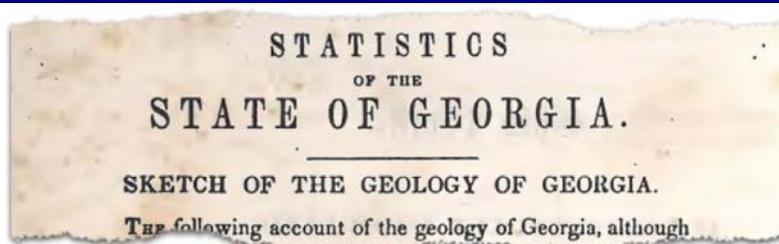
The Georgia Society has produced a [pamphlet](#) on this battle which is available at the state website.



Musket firing at Brier Creek.



Secretary General Larry Guzy and GA SAR Sr. Vice President Wayne Brown talk with Regional Vice President Chip Durden prior to the start of ceremonies.



The 1849 Statistics of the State of Georgia include extensive information about early Cobb County. "The population is increasing. The census of 1845 gave to Cobb 10,518 inhabitants 1,474 were slaves."

Under the heading: Instances of Longevity: "Mr. Fleming is now living, over 94 years of age. **Mr. J Collins, a revolutionary soldier, over 88.** Mrs. Henry is over 80. Mrs. Dougherty is 85. Mr.

Smith is 80, Mr. Edwards died a few months ago, aged 90."

Among early settlers were: Mr. James Anderson, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Massey, William Crane, William Morris, Tho. Whitehead, J. D. Mullins, James Mohon, W. P. Maloney, James Powere, Edward Mays, Bradley Smith, and **J. Collins.**"

<http://www.marietta.com/statistics-and-information-from-1849>

George Washington

Endowment Fund

GWEF membership is a minimum of a \$1000 donation--check SAR.org for exact info--the principle is now up to over \$1,600,000--80% of the money generated each year is used to fund unfunded or underfunded SAR activities/committees. 20% is reinvested and the principle is very difficult to ever access. Money is requested, amount of funding is approved at the board level. GA has benefitted many times for monuments/historical signs/ historical sites.

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



Monument at Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Battlefield Park, where the chapter will visit for our Fall Outing on October 29th.
National Park Service photo

Veterans

Toiletries (but not small bar soap), magazines, blankets, socks, 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.



Earl Cagle presenting the SAR Eagle Scout Award in August. The SAR awards were given to two (2) scouts in Troop #75: Akilan Narayanaswamy and Samuel Roger Brand . The Eagle Court of Honor was held on August 5, 2016 at the Family Life Center at Transfiguration Catholic Church 1815 Blackwell Road, Marietta .

Photo: Michael Reither

My Patriot Ancestor

If you have done research on your Patriot Ancestor, share the information with us through a short story for an upcoming edition of the *Collins Dispatch*.



Georgia Society Color Guard at the Constitution Day ceremonies in Augusta. Collins wreath 6th right of monument.



Georgia DAR Regent Joyce Patton presented a wreath at Constitution Day ceremony.