Heritage Library News

HONORING OUR MILITARY PAST
THIRD ANNUAL GALA

Silent Auction
Wine Tasting
Hors d'oeuvres

Thursday, November 8, 2001
6 — 8 p.m.
At the Library
32 Office Park Road

$25.00 per person
Tickets available at the Library

A sampling of Auction Items are:

★ One-on-one, in your home, Computer Tutoring (valued at $50 each) — four certificates available
★ Two Rounds of Golf at Golden Bear and Two at Shipyard
★ Dinner for two at Two Eleven Park Wine Bar & Bistro (valued at $100)
★ Gift Certificate—Hair by Don Lee (valued at $38.00)
★ Blades Beauty Salon Certificate (valued at $35.00)
★ Andrews Jewelers — One pair 9 mm cultured freshwater pearl stud earrings (valued at $250.00)
★ Harbour Town Crafts gift
★ Time Again gift
★ ThumPrints Gallery gift
★ Two dinner certificate for Lowrey Group Restaurants (valued at $25 each)
★ Digitel Global –12 v auto charger, hands-free talk set, carrying case (valued at $129)
★ Nail Expo manicure and pedicure
★ $250 certificate from Kelley Law Offices for creation of Trust or revision of current Trust
★ Two nights or two afternoons babysitting services by Sarah Bo Danzell
★ Gift from Forsythe Jewelers
★ Autographed Book "Re-Discovery of America's Maritime Heritage" from Stobart Galleries (valued at $125)

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting scheduled on September 12, 2001 did not produce a quorum either in person or by proxy. This was partly due to the tragedy that unfolded the day previous to the scheduled meeting. The annual Meeting was continued to Tuesday, October 23, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library Library, 32 Office Park Road, Hilton Head Island. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

IMPORTANT

If you cannot attend, enclosed with this Newsletter is a Proxy. *PLEASE complete this proxy and return it to Norma Harberger if you are unable to attend.*

If you submitted a proxy for the September 10th meeting you need not submit another one. However, you are welcome to attend the October meeting.

Genealogy Tips

★ If you have an obituary which has been cut from a newspaper, leaving no indication of the date or place, try turning the clipping over to see if any clues can be found on the back. You may be able to pinpoint a day or year or a place. There may be mention of a historical figure that can help place the clipping.

★ Copies of your ancestor's signature (from old wills or other records) below his or her picture in your photograph album will add interest.

★ When looking at gravestones in a cemetery, don't forget to check the back of the stone, as well as the front. You may find additional information there.

★ Photocopying an old faded document through a transparent yellow sheet may make it more readable.

★ Create an alphabetical list of all the surnames you are researching. Then when you are checking an index, you can go through it in order and be sure you are not missing anyone.

★ Scanned family pictures can make great material for greeting cards. Use a baby picture with a recent one for a 90th birthday. Put a picture of great-grandparents on the front and a lineage chart inside, to show the relationship to the recipient. Use your imagine!

★ Old address books can be invaluable in locating family members and in tracing their moves around the country.

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From the President

by Tom Hanahan

In light of our nation's recent tragedy, patriotism has never meant as much as it does today . We salute all those innocent **patriots** whose lives were taken so swiftly on September 11th. We also salute those gallant men and women firefighters, emergency medical technicians, police and port authority personnel who acted so promptly to assist the victims of this tragic event. These are real heroes and we honor their **call to arms.**

When the Board set the theme for the Heritage Library's third Annual Gala, *Honoring Our Military Past,* little did we know what lay ahead. It is now more poignant than ever to honor our soldiers, from the past as well as the present.

Join us for this important event on Thursday, November 8, 2001 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. at the Library. Tickets are $25.00 each. This fundraiser enables us to provide you, the user, with more materials, books, CDRoms, research aides and other services. You will see some familiar faces in our soldiers in uniform. All wars will be represented—the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War. Come see your friends, make new ones, mingle with the soldiers, enjoy the wine and hors d'oeuvres and take part in our Silent Auction. Many auction items are new this year and we are sure you can find something that you need. Review the list on the cover of this newsletter for a sample of items that will be available at this year's Gala.

GENEALOGY ON THE NET

NewspaperArchive.com

NewspaperArchive.com is a major new online resource now under construction. Heritage Microfilm is building this free online archive of old newspapers. As of this writing, 537,000 pages are available online, with more than 2,000 more pages being added per day. This is not a genealogy database, yet it is valuable to many genealogists as well as historians, social scientists, and others. You may find a scrap of information or two about ancestors in this free database, but you also certainly can learn a lot about the world in which they lived. This online archive not only lists people, but it also describes current events, wars, politics, epidemics, economic conditions, and more.

A number of old newspapers are already available online. Heritage Microfilm presently is adding all the New York Times titles up to 1924. The next project includes adding every available Civil War era newspaper printed in North America.

The site has a simple search and an "advanced search." I found the simple search to be almost useless as it found too many "hits," most of them unrelated to my interests. However, the "advanced search" worked well. I'd suggest that you always use "advanced search" when looking for specific information. The online newspaper searches are free. Obviously, they have bills to pay, and they strongly encourage you to purchase additional services from them.

http://www.newspaperarchive.com

AutoPlay Your CD-ROM Disks

Many people are creating CD-ROM disks of their genealogy data. Creating your own CD-ROM disks has become very cost-effective in the past year or so; internal CD-ROM writers now sell for as little as $89.95. The blank disks are also cheap. It is now easy to write your reports and databases to a CD-ROM disk.

Many commercial CD-ROM disks use an AutoPlay feature. That is, when the CD-ROM disk is inserted into a Windows system it automatically loads and executes a program of the manufacturer's choosing. Starting with Windows 95, Microsoft introduced a new technology called AutoPlay that makes working with CD-ROMs a little easier for the user. The CD-ROM device driver that comes with the system is notified when the user inserts a disk into the CD-ROM drive. When the driver receives this notification, it tells the system, which immediately looks in the root directory of the CD-ROM disk for a file called AUTORUN.INF, which apparently stands for "Automatic Run Information.". Windows then executes the instructions contained in AUTORUN.INF, typically loading a program stored on the CD-ROM disk. However, AutoPlay can also load Internet Explorer or some other programs stored on the C: drive.

I have rarely seen AutoPlay used on home-produced CD-ROM disks although the method of doing so is very simple. AutoPlay is especially useful when giving a CD-ROM disk to someone who is not very computer literate. Simply inserting the disk and watching the results is much easier for the computer novice that the normal instructions of "open Windows Explorer, find your CD-ROM drive, go to the root directory, double-click on...". Computer novices often cannot follow such instructions. AutoPlay is especially effective for "slide shows" delivered on CD-ROM; the user can simply insert the disk, then sit back and watch the show.

(As part of our on-going series on lineage society membership we highlight membership in the DAR, SAR and CAR)

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Eligibility

Any woman is eligible for membership who is no less than eighteen years of age and can prove lineal, blood line descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. She must provide documentation for each statement of birth, marriage, and death. Admission to membership in the NSDAR is either by invitation through a Chapter in your State Organization (or Unit Overseas). No Chapter may discriminate against an applicant on the basis of race or creed.

Acceptable Service

The National Society reserves the right to determine the acceptability of all service and proof thereof. The National Society accepts service, with some exceptions, for the period between 19 April 1775 (Battle of Lexington) and 26 November 1783 (withdrawal of British Troops from New York) as follows:

★   Signers of the Declaration of Independence
★   **Military Service**, such as participation in:
    Army and Navy of the Continental Establishment
    State Navy
    State and Local Militia
    Privateers
    Military or Naval Service performed by French nationals in the American theater of war
★   **Civil Service,** under authority of Provisional or new State Governments:
    State Officials
    County and Town Officials (Town Clerk, Selectman, Juror, Town Treasurer, Judge, Sheriff, Constable, Jailer, Surveyor of Highways, Justice of the Peace, etc.)
★   **Patriotic Service**, which includes:
    Members of the Continental Congress, State Conventions, and Assemblies
    Membership in committees made necessary by the War, including service on committees which furthered the cause of the Colonies from April 1774, such as Committees of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety, committees to care for soldier's families, etc.
    Signer of Oath of Fidelity and Support, Oath of Allegiance, etc.
    Members of the Boston Tea Party
    Defenders of Forts and Frontiers, and Signers of petitions addressed to and recognizing the authority of the Provisional and new State Governments
    Doctors, nurses, and others rendering aid to the wounded (other than their immediate families)
    Ministers who gave patriotic sermons and encouraged patriotic activity
    Furnishing a substitute for military service
    Prisoners of war or refugees from occupying forces
    Prisoners on the British ship *Old Jersey* or other prison ships
    Service in the Spanish Troops under Galvez or the Louisiana Militia after 24 December 1776
    Those who rendered material aid, such as furnishing supplies with or without remuneration, lending money to the Colonies, munitions makers, gunsmiths, etc.

(For more information on membership visit the DAR website at *www.dar.org*. If you are interested in membership in the Captain William Hilton Chapter, Hilton Head Island, contact Regent Sandee Hanahan at 689-2604, by email at *darhhi@aol.com* or Registrar Dori Dixon at 681-7839 or by email at *doridixon@hargray.com*)

The Origins of the SAR: In 1876 there were many celebrations to commemorate the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. As part of this patriotic fervor, a group of men in the San Francisco, California, area who were descendants of patriots involved in the American Revolution, formed an organization called the Sons of Revolutionary Sires. Their objective was to have a fraternal and civic society to salute those men and women who pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to the battle for independence from Great Britain. They desired to keep alive their ancestors' story of patriotism and courage in the belief that it is a universal one of man's struggle against tyranny -- a story which would inspire and sustain succeeding generations when they would have to defend and extend our freedoms.

Out of the Sires grew the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which was organized on April 30, 1889 -- the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as our nation's first President. We have used the acronym **SAR** to identify ourselves for over 100 years. The SAR was conceived as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the men who wintered at Valley forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence. The National Society was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 6, 1906. The charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a member of the SAR. The charter authorizes the granting of charters to societies of the various states and territories and authorizes the state societies to charter chapters within their borders. Federal Legislation that established a federal charter for the National Society SAR.

Membership

If you have a relative in the SAR, DAR, CAR, SR, or a similar patriot descendency organization you may be able to save yourself a great deal of effort by submitting their established lineage and documentation for the part of your lineage where your ancestors are the same as your relative's.

★ If you know that an ancestor was cited in an SAR application or know the name and SAR number of a relative, your helper may obtain a "record" copy of that application (marked up by the staff genealogist) for a modest fee. There are two options:
★ Find an application based on a known patriot ancestor
★ Find an application based on a member name and/or number

Visit their website at www.sar.org for further information on membership and links to states, chapters and assistance with papers.

Historical Expressions

(from www.genealogyforum.rootsweb.com/gfnews)
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In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs" therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."
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As incredible as it sounds, we were informed men and women took baths only twice a year! (May & October) Women always kept their hair covered while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs. The wigs couldn't be washed so to clean them, they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term "big wig." Today we often use the term "here comes Mr. Big Wig" because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.
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In the late 1700s many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board was folded down from the wall and used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Once in a while an invited guest would be offered to sit in this chair during a meal whom was almost always a man. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. Sitting in the chair, one was called the "chair man." Today in business we use the expression/title "Chairman."
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Needless to say, personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told "mind your own bee's wax." Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term "crack a smile." Also, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt and therefore the expression "losing face".
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Ladies wore corsets which would lace up in the front. A tightly tied lace was worn by a proper and dignified lady as in "straight laced".
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Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the "ace of spades." To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't "playing with a full deck."
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Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what was considered important to the people. Since there were no telephones, TVs or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs and bars who were told to "go sip some ale" and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times . . . "you go sip here" and "you go sip there." The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and thus, we have the term "gossip."
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At local taverns, pubs and bars, people drank from pint and quart sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in "pints" and who was drinking in "quarts." Hence the term "minding your "P's" and "Q's."

For a home user who knows enough to create their own CD-ROM disks, it should not be too difficult to create the AUTORUN.INF file that will enable AutoPlay. A simple text file that you create and put in the root directory of the CD-ROM causes the AutoPlay feature to take over.

Here is a sample AUTORUN.INF file:

[autorun]
open=setup.exe
icon=setup.exe

If placed in the root directory of a CD-ROM disk, this 3-line file will cause the program SETUP.EXE on the CD-ROM disk to be automatically loaded and started whenever the disk is inserted into the CD drive. Many people do not know that the same thing works for floppy disks, ZIP drives or any other removable media.You can easily create such a file with Windows Notepad or any other ASCII text editor. However, for a bit more sophistication, you might want to use one of the several free programs that will create AUTORUN.INF files for you.

One such free program is called Autorun.inf.Maker and is available at: *http://www.ashzfall.com/products/autorun*

You can find another free program, called Autorun.inf Editor at: *http://www.karenware.com/powertools/ptautorun.html*. This one claims to be able to automatically launch HTML files at startup, something that is a bit complicated to set up manually.

If you want to use a more complex program that also adds the capability to add menus or start copying files, look at AtomPack. AtomPack has a wealth of features to accomplish the tasks of copying files, installing applications, viewing documents, launching programs and more. Be aware, however, that Atom-Pack assumes that you are already very familiar with computer software and with AUTORUN.INF files; so, the newcomer may find this package to be a bit complex. AtomPack is also free, and it is available at: *http://www.thelegendgroup.com/atompack.*

Free Online Genealogy Resource

Val Greenwood's *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* is one of the best how-to books on American genealogy. The complete book is now available free at Genealogical Publishing Company online at *www.genealogical.com/onlinebook.cfm*. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader, but if you don't have it, you may download it free. The description from the website reads:

"Arguably the best book every written on American genealogy, it is the text of choice in colleges and universities or wherever courses in American genealogy are taught. Of the dozens of textbooks, manuals, and how-to books that have appeared over the past twenty-five years, it is the one book that is consistently praised for setting a standard of excellence. In a word, **The Researcher's Guide** has become a classic. While it instructs the researcher in the timeless principles of genealogical research, it also identifies the various classes of records employed in that research, groups them in convenient tables and charts, gives their location, explains their uses, and evaluates each of them in the context of the research process. Designed to answer practically all the researcher's need, it is both a textbook and an all-purpose reference book. And it is this singular combination that makes **The Researcher's Guide** the book of choice in any genealogical investigation."

NATIONAL SOCIETY
CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Membership in the National Society Children of the American Revolution (N.S.C.A.R.) is much the same as DAR and SAR. The Society maintains an office in the Dar Headquarters at 1776 D Street NW, Room 224, Washington, DC 20006-5303, and information can be obtained by writing them or calling them at 202/638-3153. Children under the age of 18 proving lineal descent are eligible for membership. If the child has a relative who is or Has been a member of DAR, SAR, or SR membership is quite simple. For those having to prove descent, more information and answers to frequently asked questions on C.A.R. can be found by visiting their website at *www.nscar.org.* For further information, click on *Prospective Member Help.* A sample application can be downloaded from the website, but you will still need to contact a local chapter for further help with membership. For information on the Hilton Head Island Chapter email the local chairman, Mrs. Libbe Shepard *darhhi@aol.com.*

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9	*Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society meets at the Library — 10 a.m.*
October 23	*Fourth Annual Meeting of the Heritage Library — 10 a.m.*
November 8	*Third Annual Gala "Honoring our Military Past" 6-8 p.m.*
November 10	*Ft. Lauderdale—Genealogical Society of Broward County All Day Seminar*
November 13	*Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society meets at the Library — 10 a.m.*
November 14	*Capt. Wm. Hilton Chapter DAR presents "Women in the Military" — 1 p.m.*