



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter



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## Words from our President, Ted Duay

At its January 2006 meeting, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter installed its new officers for 2006. The new officers are Ted Duay (President, Registrar, & Genealogist), Jim Lohmeyer (Vice President), Joe Motes (Treasurer), Ed Spencer (Secretary), Rich Jones (Sergeant at Arms), Rob Joynt (Chaplain), and Ed Sullivan (Chancellor).

Saul Montes-Bradley, who serves as Editor of the Florida Patriot, installed the new officers. In addition to installing the new officers, Compatriot Bradley served as the speaker for the meeting. His talk focused on the duties and challenges that he faces as Editor of the Florida Patriot.

The main challenge that Compatriot Bradley discussed was his responsibility and duties under the bylaws of the Florida Society to exercise his editorial judgment to ensure that inappropriate articles are not printed in our state magazine. Inappropriate articles would include items of a political nature or articles espousing views that are inconsistent and in violation of the values of the Florida Society. Such articles, if printed, could potentially violate the Florida Society's status as a tax-exempt organization.

The thirty-five people attending the meeting found the talk of great interest. Compatriots were urged to attend the Florida Board of Management meetings to voice their opinions to ensure that the Florida Society manages itself in a way that would make all of our patriot ancestors proud!

Many thanks to Compatriot Bradley in taking time out his busy schedule to enlighten and humor us with his insights.

## Our Guest Speaker for February

Our speaker for the February 2006 meeting will be Frank Fong. Frank served as a decorated pilot fighting the Nazis during World War II. He earned some of the Army Air Corps' highest honors for bravery and skill: two Distinguished Flying Crosses and eight Air Medals.

Please join us to hear this exciting speaker discuss his adventures!

## 2006 Officers are installed in January



From left to right: Ed Sullivan, Rob Joynt, George Dennis, Joe Motes, Rich Jones, Ed Spencer, Jim Lohmeyer, Ted Duay, & Saul Montes-Bradley.

*NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 25th*

### **"Flaming Pit"**

*1150 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach  
(11 blocks north of Atlantic Blvd.)*

*Time: 11:30AM social gathering; Lunch at noon*

*Buffet luncheon - \$12.00*

*FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:*

*954-441-8735*

*or e-mail Joe Motes at: joemotes@aol.com*

## Planning a Trip to a Genealogy Library

By Debbie Duay

It's a bright sunny morning, and you suddenly decide that it is a great day to visit a genealogy library. To get the most out of your trip, it is important to take the time to formulate a research strategy.

### Location, Location, Location

The first step is to think about the states, counties, and cities involved in your ancestral lines. Like most everything else in genealogy research, a visit to a genealogy library is all about location. If you do not know the county name for the city where your ancestor resided, visit the Town/County Database at Rootsweb:

<http://resources.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/townco.cgi>.

This website will give you the current county name for a specific city of interest. Of course, county borders often changed over time. An excellent resource for information on when counties were formed and what counties served as parent counties is the *Red Book*, 3rd edition, 2004, edited by Alice Eichholz. Finally, learn the names of the counties that surround your specific county of interest. If a marriage or death record cannot be found in the county where your ancestor resided, it may be recorded in a surrounding county as people often traveled to visit friends and relatives.

### Library Catalogs

If you plan to visit our own genealogy collection at the Parkland Library, it is a good idea to refer to the Library Catalog compiled by Judy Austin. This catalog can be purchased for a nominal fee or reviewed at the library. The second half of the catalog lists resources by state and county. Review this section first for books or resources of interest. Next, review the section labeled Indexes which includes general, state, and county-specific indexes. Finally, if church records are of interest, be sure to look through the Ethnic section towards the front of the catalog.

If you are planning to visit the Miami-Dade Public Library [www.mdpls.org](http://www.mdpls.org), the Broward County Main Library [www.browardlibrary.org](http://www.browardlibrary.org), or the Orlando Public Library [www.ocls.lib.fl.us](http://www.ocls.lib.fl.us) (the official repository of the Florida State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution), search the online catalog thoroughly a few days before your visit. Begin your catalog search by selecting a **Title** search and entering the *county* name in the search box (e.g., Hancock County or Fairfield County). A Title search will limit your results to books or microfilms with Hancock County in the title of the resource.

*Next, select Subject and re-enter the county name in the search box.*

*After checking the county, use the Title search selection with the city name and state name.*

*Finally, choose Subject search again, and enter the state of interest with the word genealogy.*

When reviewing results, be careful to note the **total number** of results located. Results are often displayed on several pages, and if you review only the first set of results displayed, you may miss some valuable resources.

### What to Bring

Because it may be difficult to get access to the Internet at the library, print out a paper copy of your genealogy ahead of time. Highlight places and missing data. Bring post-it notes (small ones work best) to mark pages to photocopy and plenty of small bills and change for the copy machine. To keep photocopies organized, bring an expandable file, paper clips, or a small stapler. If you plan on working online with Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest, bring several 3-½ inch diskettes **and** a CD-RW to save files. Because some libraries have more sophisticated computers than others, it is a good idea to bring both types of storage materials. If you have a digital camera, bring it as some libraries may not allow you to place rare or damaged documents on a copier. Light sources can cause fading over time and flattening a book can damage the spine. With a digital camera, you can get a digital image of the page without causing further damage to the resource. Consider packing a bottle of water and a snack in case a coffee shop or vending machine is not readily available. Finally, call ahead to verify the location and hours of the genealogy resources as websites may contain inaccurate information. The list below summarizes the items to bring on your research trip.

- paper copy of your genealogy information
- notebook or notepad for taking notes
- pen or pencil
- highlighter
- small post-it notes
- small bills for copy machine
- expandable file, paper clips, or small stapler
- 3-1/2 inch diskettes
- CD-RW
- digital camera
- water and snack
- tote bag or backpack

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### Genealogy Library

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Photocopy the title page and publication information from each resource. Search the index of each resource for the names of your ancestors. Be sure to look under alternate spellings (e.g., Hosmer, Hasmer, Hossmer, Hassmer). Request a tour of the genealogy section and ask the librarian about rules concerning food and drink, moving furniture, using wireless Internet, and photographing materials with a digital camera. Finally, keep a close eye on all of your personal items during your visit.



**Compatriot Ted Duay inducted Bob McMahon and Joe Carson as new members into the society.**



**Compatriot Ted Duay presents Bob McMahon and Joe Carson with their rosettes.**



**A Great Thanks to the 35 members and guests that attended our January Installation Luncheon at the Flaming Pit, A Great Success!**



**Chapter President Ted Duay presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Saul Montes-Bradley for his outstanding presentation at our January chapter meeting.**

## Minutes of our January Meeting

by Ed Spencer, Secretary

The Ft. Lauderdale Chapter SAR was called to order at the Flaming Pit. President Joe Motes presided over this meeting with 35 members and guests present.

### New Business:

President Joe Motes made a motion to purchase Good Citizenship awards to present to the Sea Cadets since they were not eligible for the JROTC awards. The motion was seconded and voted upon by the members present. The vote was unanimously passed.

The incoming Treasurer, Compatriot Joe Motes, presented the Society's Year End Financial Statement. The society currently has \$3685.33 in the checking and \$10,101.74 in the Trust Fund. Compatriot Ted Duay expounded upon the Trust fund stating its purpose to help the Ft. Lauderdale Society SAR if it found itself with a financial short fall. Being that the society does not have a need for any funds from the trust funds, Compatriot Ted Duay, called for a Trustees meeting after the general meeting to discuss reinvesting the trust's funds.

The Registrar, Compatriot Ted Duay, reported that there are currently 49 active members of the society with 4 applications in process and 5 prospective members online, including Compatriot Ron Cameron's two sons (Finally!).

Compatriot William Spencer announced that the Swampfox Society CAR will be in the upcoming Founder's Day parade in Deerfield Beach and the Orange Parade in Davie. Furthermore, the Swampfox Society CAR is inviting the Ft. Lauderdale Society SAR to join us in the parades.

In additional news from the CAR, the Swampfox society has the current CAR state project pins manufactured to raise funds to benefit the Homosassa Springs Manatee recovery center available for sale. On top of that, the Florida State Society CAR has found that there was One misprinted pin of the 500 limited edition pins, available for sale through the Swampfox society, which will be made available through an online auction (unless, of course an offer is made that cant be refused).

Compatriot Ted Duay inducted Bob McMahon and Joe Carson as new members into the society.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the outgoing officers.

The 2006 Society officers were installed by Florida State Patriot Magazine Editor Compatriot Saul Montes-Bradley, the new officers are:

President: Ted Duay

Vice President: Jim Lomax

Treasurer: Joe Motes

Secretary: William Spencer

Counselor: Ed Sullivan

Chaplain: Rob Joynt

Registrar: Ted Duay

Trust Fund Trustees: George Dennis, Rich Jones & Ted Duay

### Current Program:

Being that no further business before the Chapter, President Ted Duay introduced our guest speaker, Compatriot Saul Montes-Bradley. Compatriot Montes-Bradley has been the Editor of the Florida State Patriot Magazine for the past year. In that time, he has strived to produce a highly recognizable image for the magazine, being honored with Grahame T. Smallwood Award twice.

Compatriot Saul Montes-Bradley spoke on the roll of the Editor. His goal when he started as editor was to focus on creating a magazine that was highly recognizable, provide updates on local society news, articles of Revolutionary events and recognize the passing of individual members.

His job as editor not only includes the operations as any other commercial magazine, but he also has to ensure that the limitations of 501(c)3 non-profit organizational tax status are not violated by anything that can be considered as a political statement. The ramifications of failing to accomplish this particular task reach to the National Society level, in that the National Society may loose its non-profit status.

This brought him to the point that the National Society and thus the State and Local societies are neither a Social organization nor are they a Philanthropical organization but a Patriotic Educational Society, whose mission is to help in the understanding of Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How the United States of America exists. Therefore, we, as members should be careful not to cross the line between the society's goals and our own political goals while performing in a capacity as members of the SAR.



Compatriot Joe Motes attended the January 29th meeting of the the Swamp Fox C.A.R. Chapter's 3rd Aniversary celebration.

## The Story of Valley Forge

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The general was waiting for the British to make their move north through New Jersey. And when word came that the Red Coats were gone on June 18th, he followed immediately.

Now the Continental Army was ready to fight. Professionalism, confidence and pride marked those who had survived the ordeal of Valley Forge.

The two armies clashed on June 28 at Monmouth Courthouse. The battle was almost single-handedly lost by an inept but always arrogant Gen. Charles Lee. When Washington learned that Lee was retreating instead of advancing, the seemingly stoic commander flew into fury and galloped out to turn the men around and lead the attack.

The battle at Monmouth was inconclusive, but it was the British who retreated this time. And it was clear to everyone that those ragged Continentals - who had suffered so much at Valley Forge -- were now a fair match for the British.

## LIBERTY BELL FACTS

Location: Liberty Bell Center, Market Street & 6th, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Map of Historic Philadelphia)

Bell Originally Cast: Whitechapel Foundry 1752

Bell recast: Pass & Stow Philadelphia 1753 and again later that year

Bell owned by: The City of Philadelphia (not the Park Service)

Center opened: October, 2003

Center architect: Bernard J. Cywinski of Bohlin, Cywinski, Jackson

Tourism information: Daily 9am-5pm with extended hours July and August. The bell is visible 24 hours a day. 215-597-8974

Strike note: E-flat

[source: Charles Boland, "Ring in the Jubilee" ©1973]

Composition: 70% copper, 25% tin, small amounts of lead, zinc, arsenic, gold and silver (a more detailed analysis is given below.)

Size of Crack: The crack is approximately 1/2 inch wide and 24.5 inches long.

Bell Stats

circumference around the lip: 12 ft.

circumference around the crown: 7 ft. 6 in.

lip to crown: 3 ft.

height over the crown: 2 ft. 3 in.

thickness at lip: 3 in.

thickness at crown: 1-1/4 in.

weight (originally): 2080 lbs.

length of clapper: 3 ft. 2 in.

weight of clapper: 44-1/2 lbs.

weight of yoke: 200 lbs.

Length of visible hairline fracture: approx. 2' 4" (this and next measurement made by Park curator Bob Giannini in 1993)

Length of drilled crack: approx. 2' 1/2"

yoke wood: American Elm (a.k.a. slippery elm)  
 Detailed Analysis of the Bell's Composition The Franklin Institute took drillings from the Liberty Bell in 1960. The International Nickel Company analyzed the content and in 1975, scientists from Winterthur Museum and the DuPont Company used an X-Ray Florescence Analyzer to describe the metallic content at ten points around the rim of the Bell. These reading vary greatly. The table here shows the ranges. This table is from "The Story of the Liberty Bell" by David Kimball.

- Copper 64.95 - 73.10
- Tin 24.00 - 30.16
- Lead 1.30 - 5.47
- Zinc 0.25 - 1.65
- Iron 0.00 - 0.87
- Silver 0.14 - 0.26
- Antimony 0.08 - 0.18
- Arsenic 0.19 - 0.42
- Gold 0.02 - 0.06
- Nickel 0.00 - 0.28

## LIBERTY BELL TIMELINE

1701 William Penn issued the Charter of Priviledges, which many historians believe was being celebrated 50 years later with the ordering of what would become the Liberty Bell.  
 1732 Construction on the state house began (see next).  
 1746 Construction on the state house is completed. This was Colonial America's grandest public building and would be home to the Liberty Bell. At this time, however, the building had no bell.  
 1749 The Assembly, "Ordered, That the Superintendents of the State-House, proceed, ... to carry up a Building on the South-side of the said House to contain the Staircase, with a suitable Place thereon for hanging a Bell."  
 1751 The Pennsylvania Assembly issued an order for the bell.  
 1752 Isaac Norris, Assembly Speaker and the Chairman of the State House Superintendents asked the Assembly's agent in London, Robert Charles, to buy a bell.

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He wrote in his instructions:  
 Let the Bell be cast by the best Workmen & examined carefully before it is Shipped with the following words well shaped in large letters round in vizt. /By order of the Assembly of the Province of Pensylvania for the State house in the City of Philada 1752// //and Underneath//Proclaim Liberty thro' all the Land to all the Inhabitants thereof. - Levit. XXV.10  
 The verse in Leviticus reads, in full, "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants thereof."  
 Some historians believe that the inscription was meant as a commemoration and celebration of Penn's extraordinary 1701 Charter of Privileges, which put legislative power in the hands of the Assembly and took it from William Penn and the Proprietorship (those supporting the Penn family). So it would make good sense for the Assembly to pay homage to the rights granted fifty years earlier.

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