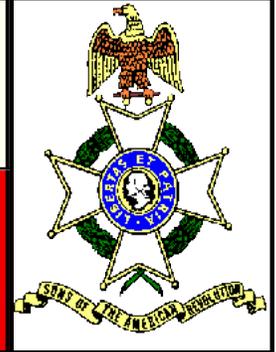




Pine Shavings



**Piney Woods Chapter #51
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**

From the President

I look forward to hearing the youth essays during the lunch meeting. Remember, we changed the time to 12:30, because the Restaurant does not open until 12:00 Noon, to give the staff a little more time, and to reduce your waiting in the parking lot. This is the election meeting for the proposed officers and any from the floor nominations will be entertained during this meeting.

I have enjoyed the past two years and I look forward to the new slate of officers. Remember that this is a heritage organization that is dedicated to everyone that has an ancestor that contributed to the American Revolution. We study the actions of the patriots that participated and understand that the depth of participation is not relevant. I hope that we will continue to grow as a chapter.

Joe Potter

Chapter Events Meetings

Members/Guest Youth Awards Meeting	February 18, 2017
Members/Guests Officer Induction	March 18, 2017
Members Meeting – 2017 Programs	April 15, 2017
Members/Guests – Social Studies	May 20, 2017
Members Meeting – SAR Congress	August 19, 2017
Members/Guests – TBA	September 16, 2017
Members – TBA	October 21, 2017
Members/Guest	November 18, 2017
December – TBA	December 16, 2017

**Meeting
Saturday, February 18th
Member & Guest**

Jimmy G's
307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway,
Greenspoint
6:30 p.m.

RSVP for the Meeting

Please respond with the number of people attending and names by before the meeting date.
ASAP to Larry Stevens
wardtracker@aol.com or 281 361-2061

Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR

Meeting at Jimmy G's at Greenspoint, Houston, TX
21 January 2017

President Joe Potter welcomed all to the meeting at 12:15 PM. After invocation by Jim Pinkerton members recited the pledge to the United States and Texas flags followed by the SAR pledge.

COMPATRIOT'S PRESENT: Kermit Breed, Jim Pinkerton, Larry Stevens, John Beard, Kim Morton, Andrew Kodak, Joe Potter and Brent Monteleone
GUEST PRESENT: Sandra Breed

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes for December. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pinkerton reported a balance is \$3,628.73. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kermit Breed is working on a new application for John Schmonsees. Larry Stevens has Lark Leazar, Greg Grumboski and Sharpe Grumboski's application at National. Larry is also working on applications for Charles Jones and Dennis Keister

NEWSLETTER: Newsletter will be late, editor has been ill.

SPEAKER: Larry Stevens presented a slide show on the ancestors of Gen. George Washington.

FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM: Will be the presentation of 2016 youth awards for the Texas Society SAR Eagle Scout and the Knight Essay Contest. Winners were: Eagle Scout 1st Place \$200 Charles Hill. Essay contest 1st Place \$200 Hellen Hill. 2nd Place \$100 Charles Hill. 3rd Place \$50 Gabriel Guerrero.

FUTURE EVENTS:

February 18, 2017 Meeting at Jimmy G's at 12:30 PM
February 18, 2017 George Washington Parade, Laredo, Texas
Mar. 30-April 2, 2017 123rd Texas Annual Conference El Tropicana Riverwalk Hotel. San Antonio

OLD BUISNESS: The following were nominated as Piney Wood #51 Officers to serve from March 2017 to March 2019:

President	Jim Pinkerton	Sergeant-at-arms	Larry Blackburn
1 ST Vice President	Larry Stevens	Chaplain	Cannon Prichard
2 nd Vice president	Todd Simmons	Chancellor	Brent Monteleone
Secretary	Kermit Breed	Webmaster	Ray Cox
Treasurer	John Beard	Newsletter	Larry Stevens
Genealogist	Kim Morton	Historian	Ben Stallings
Registrars	Larry Stevens and Kermit Breed		

NEW BUISNESS: Motion was made and seconded to move the meeting time to 12:30. Motion carried

After the benediction by Jim Pinkerton members joined together in the SAR closing. Larry Stevens adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Piney Wood #51 Secretary Kermit Breed

This Month in the Revolution

February 5 1776 – Major General Charles Lee writes to George Washington that he and Clinton both arrived on February 4th. Lee writes that Clinton said he was there to visit his friend William Tyrone the former Royal Governor of New York. Clinton tells Washington “If it is really so, it is the most whimsical piece on civility I ever heard.” Lee said Clinton claimed he was heading south where he would receive British reinforcements to which Lee says, ‘to communicate his plan to the enemy is too novel to be credited’.



February 6, 1778 – American Colonies and France Alliance.



Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane conclude negotiations with France. The Treaty of Amity and Commerce and the Treaty of Alliance is signed. The first, the Treaty of Amity and Commerce recognized the colonies as an independent nation, the United States, and promoted trade between the two. The second made France and the United States allies against Great Britain.

Benjamin Franklin's first audience before King Louis XVI at Versailles to arrange the Treaty of Amity.

February 18, 1778 – Washington writes to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia requesting cattle for the army for the months of May and June. Washington writes, “...States have contended, not unsuccessfully, with one of the most powerful Kingdoms upon earth.” And after several years at war, “we now find ourselves at least upon a level with our opponents”.

February 23, 1778 – Wilhelm Steuben arrives at Valley Forge with a letter of introduction from the President of the Continental Congress.

February 1775 – Parliament declared Massachusetts to be in a state of rebellion. Lt. Gen. Thomas Gage, the British North American commander was commanding four regiments of British Regulars, about 4,000 men, from Boston. On April 14, he received orders to disarm the rebels and arrest their leaders beginning the **Boston Campaign**.



Die helden der revolution

[between 1850-1890] 1 print. Girsch, Frederick, 1821-1895, artist.

General Washington standing with Johann De Kalb, Baron von Steuban, Kazimierz Pulaski, Tadeusz, Lafayette, John Mulenberg, and other officers during the Revolutionary War.

Youth Essay Awards Luncheon

Our upcoming Lunch Meeting will feature our Youth Essay Contest. Two of contestants will attend and will be asked to discuss their essays. They will be presented with NSSAR Certificates from the chapter and their monetary awards. Please do not miss this.

Our chapter contest is the first in a three-step process of the National Society Knight Essay Contest. Our contest winner has been submitted to compete on in the Texas contest where 1st Place is a \$2500 Scholarship. The Texas contest winner is then submitted for last step, the NSSAR Contest.

Writing and submitting an Essay for competition is not an easy task.

“The Knight Essay Contest is designed to give students an opportunity to explore topics based on original research and deal with an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution. Each student’s 800 to 1,200-word essay will be judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest calls for an original researched and proven topic written in English. The topic of the essay shall deal with an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution; the Declaration of Independence; or the framing of the United States Constitution. Students must source at least five references with the minimum of three being published works to allow for verification of sources if necessary. References from encyclopedias or the Internet will be accepted, but are not considered as part of the three published book sources. If there are no published references, the essay will be disqualified.

The essay must have four parts: A.) title page, B.) essay pages, C.) bibliography or works cited, and D.) applicant's biography. The title page, bibliography, and applicant's biography must be listed on separate pages and no reference to the applicant's name or information can be part of the essay pages or bibliography.” From the TXSSAR Web page under the tab EDUCATION.

Following the awards ceremony, there will be short business meeting and the election of officers who will serve in chapter positions for the next two years. A list of nominations from the December meeting were posted in the December Meeting Minutes and in the chapter newsletter.

The March 18th Chapter lunch meeting will feature our Eagle Scout Contest First Place Selection C. Hill. Eagle Scout Hill’s contest submission has been forwarded to our Texas State Eagle Scout Committee Chairman Dr. Art Mumford for state competition. Also, Hill’s essay place 2nd in our chapter Essay contest. During the meeting, our new officers will be an officer induction ceremony.

Calendar of Events



National Society

George Washington Parade Laredo TX	February 18, 2017
Leadership/Trustee Louisville KY	March 3-5, 2017
127 th NSSAR Congress at Knoxville TN	July 7-12, 2017



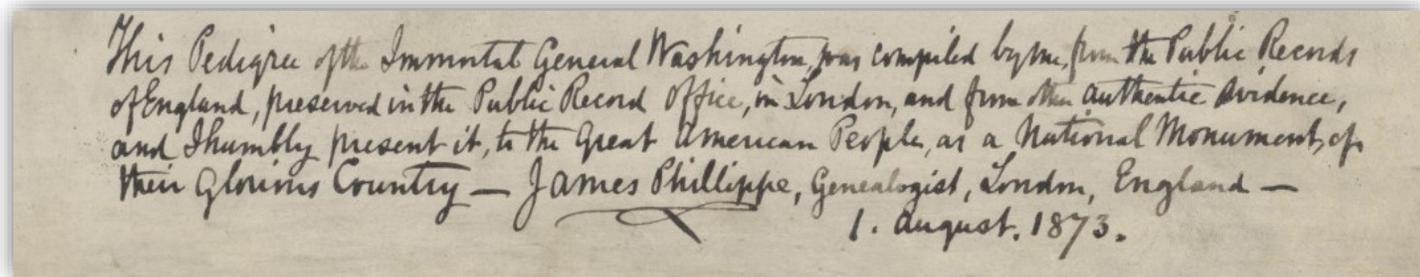
Texas Society

122 nd TXSSAR CONV San Antonio	Mar 31- Apr 2, 2017
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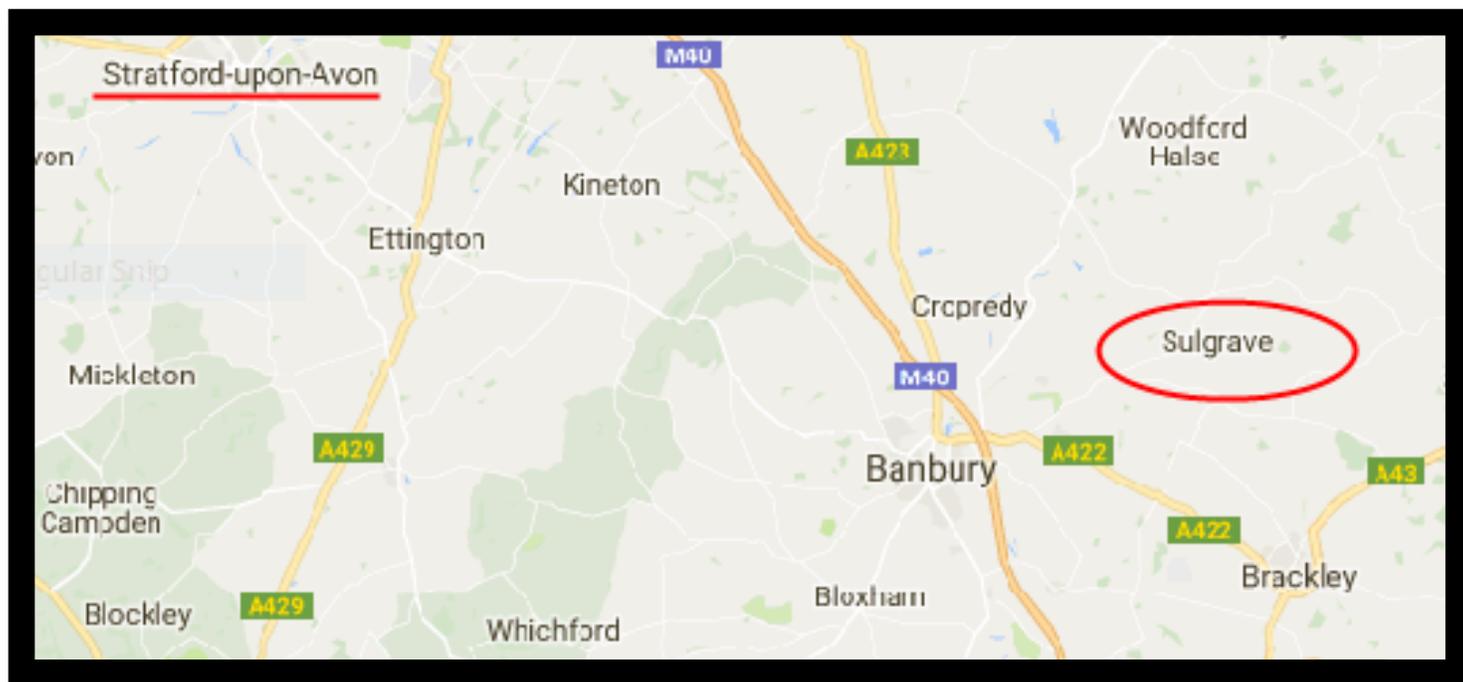
*El Tropicana Hotel Riverwalk
Registration Information is on Texas Website*

George Washington's Birthday

Each year Americans remember the birthday of our greatest patriot and the first President of the United States of America on 22nd February. But, how many know the ancestry of George Washington? Martha and George Washington were not blessed with children; instead, George raised Martha's two as his own. On Internet, you can find several Ancestry Charts for the Washington Family. One of the most interesting is a chart by James Phillips and his note at the bottom. Chart is on the next page



The history of the Washington's begins at Sulgrave Manor in the Village of Sulgrave in South Northhamptonshire England and about 20 miles or so from Stratford on Avon.



Archeology evidence shows near the site a "bowl barrow" or mound near Banbury Road which dates from the Bronze Age 2500 BC to 1500 BC. It may have a ditch surrounding the mound. At Castle Hill in the village, there is the 9th century Saxon and then Norman wood frame structure which was replaced by a stone structure at the time of the Norman conquest. The land the Washington's lived on was part of the land assigned to Ghilo or Gilo, the brother of Ansculf de Picquigny a French Baron from Amiens, who had followed Duke William of Normandy to England. Gilo is listed on the Battle Abbey Roll. The Domesday Book in 1086 lists three tenants holding the land for Gilo; Hugh, Landric, and Othbert.

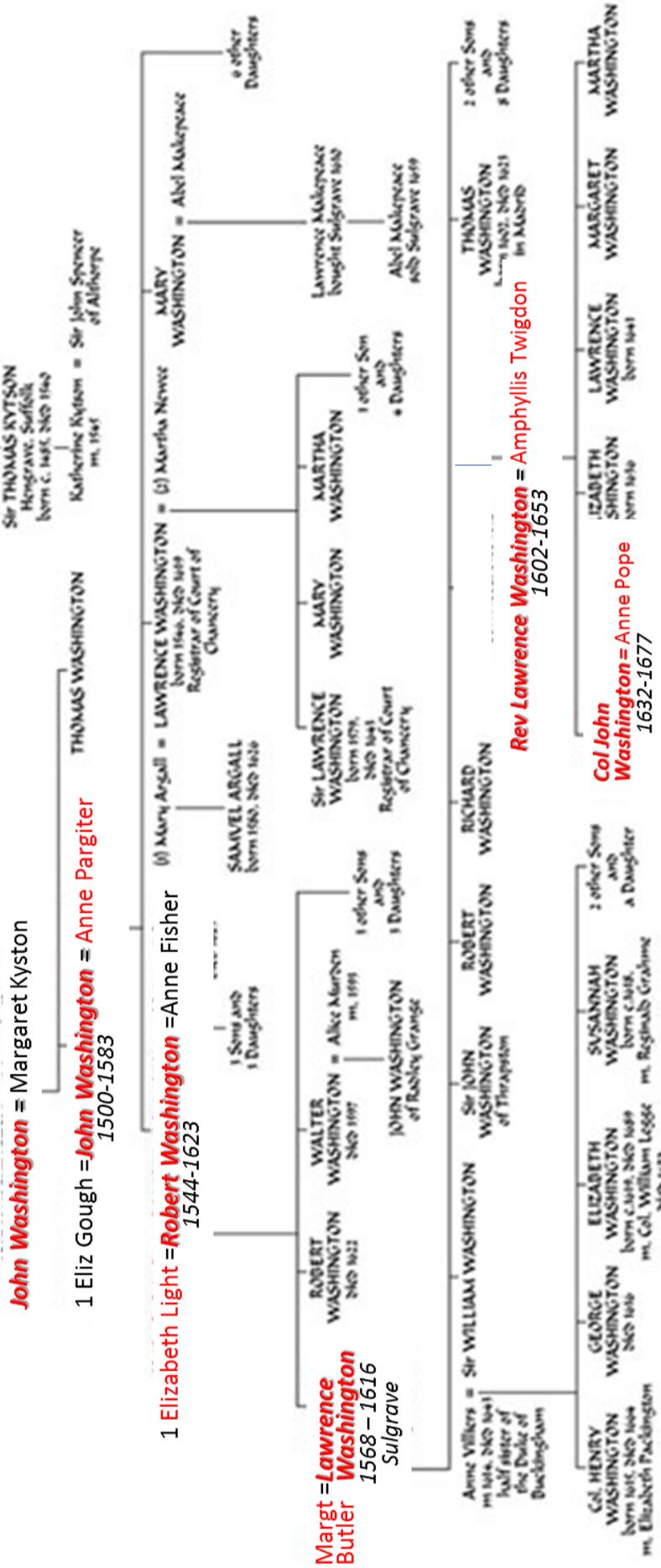
At the dissolution of the monasteries, land which was granted in the 12th century to *Cluniac Priory of Saint Andrew* in Northampton, was sold by the Crown to Rev. Lawrence Washington in 1539-1540. The Washington's continued to prosper at Sulgrave for the next 120 years. This ended when the third Civil

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WASHINGTON FAMILY TREE

Robert Kyston Wargrave, Lancaster



John Washington = Margaret Kyston

1 Eliz Gough = **John Washington** = Anne Pargiter
1500-1583

1 Elizabeth Light = **Robert Washington** = Anne Fisher
1544-1623

Margt = **Lawrence Washington**
Butler 1568 - 1616
Sulgrave

Rev Lawrence Washington = Amphyllis Twigdon
1602-1653

Col John Washington = Anne Pope
1632-1677

Capt Lawrence Washington = Mildred Warner
1661-1691

Jane Butler = **Capt Augustine Washington** = Mary Ball
1694-1743

General George Washington = Martha Dandridge
Born 11 February 1732
Died 14 December 1799

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War of England broke out in England caused by a feud between Parliament, led by Oliver Cromwell, which was about Charles I's insistence that he could rule by the "divine right of kings". The Parliamentary forces captured King Charles king and executed him.

The Parliamentarians defeat of the Royalists had far reaching effects on the English. The supporters of Charles had their property seized, some were jailed, and some fled. The Washington's were one of these families. The royalist Lawrence Washington was stripped of his "Don" title at Oxford University, the family land and other holdings taken away, and he was forced to take a rector position at a small Anglican Church in Essex.



Washington Family Coat of Arms

Lawrence Washington had sent his son John, 1633-1677, to the Charterhouse School in London at the age of eight years to prepare him for academia. The new government barred John and his brothers from attending Oxford. John, his mother and family were taken in and sheltered by his relative Sir Edwin Sandys. Sandys arranged an appointment for John with a merchant in London where John quickly learned Colonial Trade. In 1756, John invested in a merchant ship for trading tobacco. He left his home in Tring in 1657 and sailed to Virginia. John was listed as the 2nd officer. The ship floundered in the Potomac and although it was repaired, John decided to stay in Virginia. His cousin James had accompanied him on the voyage.

John initially stayed with Col. Nathaniel Pope, fell in love, and married his daughter Anne. As a wedding gift,

he was given 700 Acres on Mattox Creek in Westmoreland County of Northern Neck. Washington became a successful planter and was elected to the House of Burgess and a Colonial in the Virginia militia. A survey of 1674 shows John and Nicholas Spenser were given a grant of 5000 acres. Part of this track later became known as Mt. Vernon.

