



**Cradle of Texas Crier**  
Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33  
Sons of the American Revolution



Volume 17, Number 1

January 2014

Michael J. Bailey, Editor

**January**

Next Meeting  
**11 January, 2014**

Wayside Pub and Restaurant  
106 This Way  
Lake Jackson  
11:30 a.m.

**Program**  
**Sands S. "Sandy" Weems III**  
**Homeless Veterans Project**

Born in Mobile, Alabama in 1933, Mr. Weems moved to East Columbia, Texas, 1943. He attended West Columbia High School, Class of '51, then later Texas A & M College, Class of '55, BBA, (go Johnny football) Univ. of Texas at Arlington, Class of '76, MA.

He served in the U S Army, Corps of Engineers, 1957-1981, with 24 years active duty, including 2 years combat duty in Vietnam, as a pilot. Awarded 21 Air Medals.

He managed the Brazoria County Airport, 8.5 yrs., office of the County Judge, 1.5 yrs.

He was the owner of Weems Wagon Works, West Columbia, Texas, from 1994-2003. Later he served as President, The Brazoria County Transitional Housing, INC. 2004.

**Officer and Board**  
**Installation**

District 7 V-P Lawrence Casey will be installing the Chapter's new officers and board members.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Sons of the American Revolution  
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33  
December 12, 2013

President Michael Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. at Red Snapper Inn in Surfside. George Easterling led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, Texas Pledge and SAR Pledge. Arnold Seidule gave the blessing for our meal.

President Bailey introduced Lawrence Casey, TXSSAR District 7 Vice-President and our guest speaker, Naomi Antill Smith.

The November 2013 Minutes were approved on a motion by Russell Dart, second by George Easterling.

Treasurer Arthur Evans' financial report printed in the Newsletter showed the following:

Beginning Balance	\$4,258.94
<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>191.10</u>
General Fund	\$4,067.84
<u>McAlexander Fund<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>\$833.00</u>
Total	\$4,950.84

The financial report was approved on motion by Winston Avera and Russell Dart's second.



<sup>1</sup> Available for purchase of uniforms



Guest Speaker Naomi Smith recounted the West Columbia volunteers' process of



finding, moving and restoring a hay barn off Highway 35 in East Columbia that had been built in 1921 as a Rosenwald School for local African-American Texas children. Rosenwald schools were conceived by Booker T. Washington in 1912 with financial backing from Julius Rosenwald, President of Sears, Roebuck and Company. The volunteers used a lot of "sweat equity", national historical grants and local business sponsors to complete this local and national treasure. The West Columbia Rosenwald School was selected for the cover of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's booklet on *Preserving Rosenwald Schools*. See [http://www.preservationnation.org/travel-and-sites/sites/southern-region/rosenwald-schools/PB\\_Rosenwald\\_final\\_revised2012.pdf](http://www.preservationnation.org/travel-and-sites/sites/southern-region/rosenwald-schools/PB_Rosenwald_final_revised2012.pdf) for a more complete history of these schools.

Doc Rice recounted his play "The Forgotten Men Who Invented Texas" that was performed on November 10<sup>th</sup> in Dallas by professional actors. After the performance Doc received plaudits and signed autographs for an hour and a half. We all congratulated him for his achievement.

Russell Dart presented the following nominations for officers and directors for 2014:

President	Michael Bailey
Vice-President	Chuck Bernard
Secretary	Winston Avera
Treasurer	Arthur Evans, III
Chaplain	Rev. L. L. Stevens
Genealogist	Bill Sanders
Color Guard Captain	Frank Seidule
Executive Committee	Tim Hall
Executive Committee	

Dr. Tillman Daniel

George Easterling made a motion to close the nominations and Bill Greenwood seconded it. Russell Dart moved to elect the slate by acclamation and Arnold Seidule seconded the motion. Both motions passed.

President Bailey reported on upcoming events.

- Re-enactors annual gathering at Jesse Jones Park - Humboldt on February 8<sup>th</sup>
- George Washington's Birthday Celebration and parade in Laredo on February 22<sup>nd</sup> where Tom Green leads the SAR contingent, Accompanied by Michael Bailey and Frank Seidule



President Bailey presented a Medal of Appreciation to Chuck Bernard for his donation toward the completion of the NSSAR Headquarters.



Charter Member Thomas Mayerle was presented with his 30 Year Membership Certificate by District 7 V-P Lawrence Casey and Michael Bailey.

George Easterling recognized the flag raising/lowering students of Our Lady Queen of Peace school for their outstanding performance of duties with the Flag Award. George presented the award at the school a few weeks before.

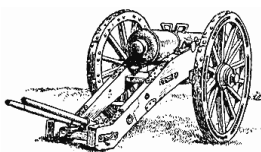
Bill Sanders reported on efforts to assist Dr. Max Royalty with his application for membership. Also, Bill reminded us that our April meeting will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> in Wharton at Los Cucos Restaurant, followed by the local DAR chapter meeting. The next meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup> when officers will be installed.

Arnold Seidule gave the benediction and led the SAR Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m. on motion by George Easterling and second by Arnold Seidule.

Members Present - Bill Sanders, Michael Bailey, Russell Dart, George Easterling, Arnold Seidule, Bill Greenwood, Chuck Bernard, Thomas Mayerle, Doc Rice, Lawrence Casey and Winston Avera.

Guests present were Sue Dart, Judy Bernard, Naomi Smith and Connie Avera.



## This Month During The American Revolution

### The Battle of Princeton

January 3, 1777

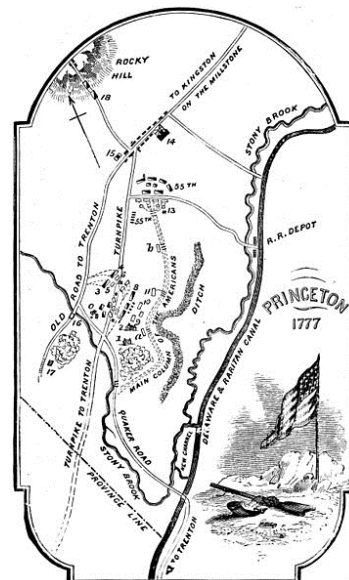
Washington's army captures the British garrison at nearby Princeton. Washington sets up winter quarters at Morristown, New Jersey, where he spends the next several months rebuilding the Continental Army with new enlistments.

The George Washington Papers  
Library of Congress

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/gwhtml/1777.html>



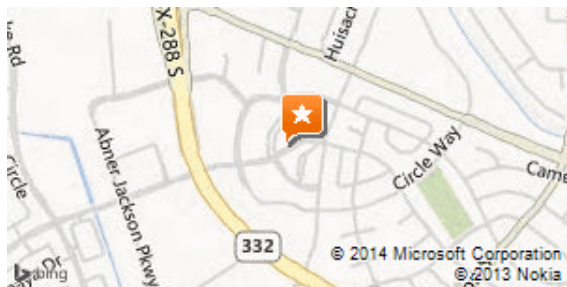
George Washington rallying his troops at the Battle of Princeton



**Battle of Princeton**  
FIELD BOOK OF THE REVOLUTION  
Benson John Lossing

Next Meeting  
11 January, 2011  
Wayside Pub and Restaurant  
106 This Way  
Lake Jackson  
979-480-0378  
11:30 a.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/LJwayside13>



**2013 Officers of the  
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33**

**PRESIDENT-** Michael Bailey  
Ph. 979-848-3705  
E-mail [michjbailey@gmail.com](mailto:michjbailey@gmail.com)

**V.P. -** Donald Mudd  
Ph. 281-369-2694  
E-mail [donmudd@skynethouston.com](mailto:donmudd@skynethouston.com)

**SECRETARY -** Win Avera  
Ph. (979) 297-8340  
E-mail [averawc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:averawc@sbcglobal.net)

**TREASURER-** Arthur O. Evans III  
Ph.979-532-5881  
E-mail [aoevans@hotmail.com](mailto:aoevans@hotmail.com)

**GENEALOGIST -** Bill Sanders, Sr.  
Ph. 979-6482955  
E-mail [bps@ykc.com](mailto:bps@ykc.com)

**CHAPLAIN -** Rev. L. L. Stevens  
Ph. 979-297-4757  
E-mail [revllstevens@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revllstevens@sbcglobal.net)

**COLOR GUARD CAPT.**  
Frank Seidule  
Ph. 979-297-8849  
E-mail [seidule3@yahoo.com](mailto:seidule3@yahoo.com)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
Tim Hall  
Ph. 979-245-2217  
E-mail [timotheushall@hotmail.com](mailto:timotheushall@hotmail.com)

Dr. Tillman Daniel  
Ph. 979- 245-6211  
E-mail [docdan31@sbcglobal.net](mailto:docdan31@sbcglobal.net)

