

Republic Reporter

February 21, 2009 Meeting

Our speaker for our February presentation was Elizabeth Porter, a volunteer with the Friends of Pioneer Cemetery. Her informative talk was on the history of Salem Pioneer Cemetery and included information about different styles of memorial markers and some of the historical people buried in the cemetery.

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Elizabeth Porter



Important March dates up to 1776

Mar 1, 1776 South Carolina instructed her delegates for Independence

Mar 2, 1776 William Moultrie was ordered to fortify the harbor at Charleston SC

Mar 4, 1776 Troops under General. Thomas took the high ground on Dorchester Heights (dominating Boston) from the British.

Mar 4, 1776 Engagement at Yamcrow Bluff (Savannah), GA

Mar 5, 1770 An unruly mob on Boston Commons harassed the British guard detail; the guardsmen fired and five members of the mob were killed.

Mar 5, 1770 Parliament passed an Act repealing all duties except the one on tea.

Mar 7, 1707 Stephen Hopkins was born in Providence RI. He signed the Declaration of Independence for Rhode Island. He and John Hancock built the first US navy.

Mar 7, 1776 Engagement at Hutchinson's Island, GA.

Mar 8, 1776 Engagement at Nook's Hill, MA.

Mar 8, 1776 Congress refused to use Indians as mercenaries without tribal approval.

Mar 10, 1765 The House of Commons resolved to charge certain stamp duties.

Mar 10, 1766 The House of Commons repealed the Stamp Acts.

Mar 12, 1773 The Virginia House of Burgesses appointed a Committee of Correspondence.

Mar 14, 1776 Congress ordered the disarming of all citizens who were not in sympathy with the rebellion.

Mar 16, 1739 George Clydmore was born in Philadelphia. He signed the Declaration of Independence for Pennsylvania and became the first Congressional Treasurer.

Mar 17, 1776 The British army surrenders Boston. Loyalists turn in many weapons and leave with the fleet for Nova Scotia.

Mar 19, 1734 Thomas McKean was born in Chester County PA. He signed the Declaration of Independence for Delaware and later held offices in Delaware and Pennsylvania at the same time.

Mar 20, 1776 Washington's triumphal entry into Boston.

Mar 21, 1713 Francis Lewis was born in Wales. He signed the Declaration of Independence for New York.

Mar 22, 1765 England imposed the Stamp act on Americans.

Mar 23, 1775 Patrick Henry made his famous speech "I know not what course others may take but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!" This speech forced the issue of independence in Virginia.

Mar 23, 1776 Congress authorized the employment of privateers.

Mar 24, 1776 The South Carolina assembly (or legislature) dissolved its ties to England and declared itself a free assembly.

Mar 25, 1775 Patrick Henry called for Virginia to defend itself against England.

Mar 26, 1776 Congress ordered its highest award for George Washington -- a gold medal.

Mar 27, 1776 The British fleet left Boston Harbor, bound for Halifax Nova Scotia. The Americans cheered!

Mar 29, 1776 Massachusetts Legislature thanks Washington

Mar 29, 1776 Gen. Charles Lee was invested with the American command south of the Potomac River.

Mar 31, 1774 George III signed the "Boston Port Bill" forbidding importations into Boston after 1 June 1774.

The Republic Chapter of the National Sons of the American Revolution

Our meetings are generally the third Saturday of the month. We meet at the Sizzler Restaurant located at 1151 Lancaster Drive NE in Salem, OR. We start our meetings at Noon.

Upcoming meetings:

March 21, 2009

April 18, 2009

May 16, 2009

We have a variety of interesting speakers and our own members give presentations on their Patriot Ancestors.

New Member Richard Duer

Richard originally joined the Lewis and Clark Chapter, but decided that driving to Salem was easier to do than driving to Beaverton from his home in McMinnville.



Left to right, President Compatriot Betterton, Compatriot Duer, and Registrar Compatriot Meisenheimer.



In our Memory
Philip Stanley Chamber,
1/31/1928 – 2/20/2009
He joined the Republic Chapter
in February 2004.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orrcsar/>

About The Republic Chapter

Republic Chapter members come from all walks of life such as educators, clergy, carpenters, attorneys, doctors, welders and others. Our age group is diverse. We are a national historical, non-profit, non-political, community oriented organization open to all male descendants of American Revolutionary Patriots. A primary objective is to preserve and perpetuate the deeds of those brave and gallant patriots which ultimately lead to the formation of the United States of America.