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The Governor's Report
By Bob Allen

As 2007 draws to a close I want to first look ahead to Winter Court before I review our past year.

Winter Court is set for November 29, 2007 at the Union League Club of Chicago beginning with a 5:30 PM reception. We are fortunate to have as our speaker, the Honorable William J. Bauer, of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit. We choose the Union League Club because of its proximity to the Federal Buildings.

Judge Bauer continues our tradition of prominent speakers which have in recent years included the British Consul General and the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army.

This Winter Court I would like to see many more of you than have attended in the past. Please mark your calendar for this event.

Two letters from the General Society have been received asking if Chicago could host the national annual meeting in 2011, the year after Savannah. I will not respond until we discuss this at an upcoming meeting of the Council on November 6, 2007. That agenda item might spill over to our Winter Court. Please think about it.

Our Nominating Committee has worked very hard to present a slate of officers to you at Winter Court. Please be there and help choose our officers for the upcoming year.

New members this year include Karl Reed, Jr.; Lauren Brown, French Carey and David Linville. We welcome them.

During the past year the Illinois Society made donations to the History Department of Northwestern University, the Newberry Library and the Winnetka Library. The National Society partially matched our program and gave Northwestern, \$1,030; the Newberry, \$1,550; and the Winnetka Library, \$520.

Our donation to the History Department of Northwestern University comes from our Academic Fund. Through the years we have met Messrs. Strother Roberts, David Keenan and David Davidson who are finishing their graduate work in Colonial American History there. David Keenan and David Davidson have spoken to periodic lunch meetings we have had in the past.

Twenty five years ago the Illinois Society published an annotated bibliography entitled "American Colonial Wars" and after discussions with the Council and at Winter Court last year Roberts, Keenan and Davidson were asked to modernize and expand our original publication. I have been working with the proofs to eliminate typographical errors and questioning the inclusion or omission of various items.

The project is now ready to go to the printer. Additionally, with downloadable PDF files available, we can put this bibliography on our website.

Summer Court this past year was held at the Indian Hill Club. Our speaker was a professional Chicago actor, RJ Lindsay, who portrayed Brig. General and Nobel Laureate Vice President Charles Gates Dawes. Dawes was a member of the Illinois Society of Colonial Wars and I thought this presentation would be a fun way to celebrate the life of one of our past members. How many of you belong to a club who had as one of its members a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize? All of you! Perhaps that's why we had about 55 in attendance.



Report on the Annual Meeting of the General Society of Colonial Wars,
Williamsburg, Virginia April, 2007
By Barry Carroll

The 2007 meeting of the General Society of Colonial Wars, was hosted by the Virginia Society at Historic Williamsburg in April at the epicenter of our nation's origins. Combined with the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement which spawned an excellent interpretative center and a visit to the modern excavation site, plus an optional visit to the Yorktown battle field, it would be difficult to top the amenities available to our members. The general meetings followed the customary format and the hospitality of the Virginians was second to none.

Example of an activity that had a particular appeal to my family was seeing the mortal remains of Bartholomew Gosnold, the sea captain who, at 35, led the first settlers and succumbed that first year, probably to the bad water in the ill-chosen site. Five years before on a voyage of discovery, Gosnold had charted much of the east coast and landed on and named Martha's Vineyard Island after his daughter. I have been a summer resident of that area for nearly 60 years, and know that Gosnold is a legend in New England. I also introduced my grandchildren to a working blacksmith shop in Williamsburg, which makes most of the iron implements down to the square-wrought nails used in that

living museum. Their ancestor had been a blacksmith in Taunton, Massachusetts and I cherish the opportunity to see such tradesmen and craftsmen at work.

The ladies' program also took full advantage of the area's colonial amenities while the men dealt with the Society's business. Each General Society meeting seems to top the previous one, but Virginia's unique position in the history of Europeans in the New World gave the Virginia Society an unfair advantage in making this year's meeting one of the most interesting in memory.



Winter Court, Thursday, November 29, 2007

Winter Court will be held at the Union League Club, 65 West Jackson, on Thursday, November 29. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30.

The speaker will be the Honorable William J. Bauer, former Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and still an active member of the judiciary. He is a most distinguished Chicagoan and has received scores of awards, including the Justice John Paul Stevens Award given by the Chicago Bar Association. He is president of the Scottish Law Society. He is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. Save the date!

Thank You, Bob Moulton-Ely for Your Excellent Service

One unheralded hero among our Warriors is Bob Moulton-Ely, our Treasurer. Every month we receive a complete financial report. The first section is on receipts and disbursements, with separate entries for each of the last two months and year-to-date. The second half of the report is a balance sheet listing our assets under appropriate headings. Thank you very much, Bob!

Rev. Michael Wigglesworth (1631-1705)

Michael Wigglesworth was a well-known Puritan minister who lived in Malden, Massachusetts. He is buried in Bell Rock Cemetery in Malden along with about 20 other direct-line ancestors of George Burditt. Rev. Wigglesworth was one of George's great, great, great, great, great, grandfathers. (George's great-great-grandfather was Wigglesworth Burditt.)

Rev. Wigglesworth wrote a diary from 1653-1657. Here's the first paragraph, with the spelling exactly as written by Rev. Wigglesworth:

If the unloving carriages of my pupils can goe so to my heart as they doe; how then doe my vain thoughts, my detestable pride, my *unnatural filthy lust that are so oft and even this day in some measure stirring in me* how do these griev my lord Jesus that loves me infinitely more then I do them? Do I take it heavily that my love is so lightly made of? ah! lord Jesus how fearful is my despizing of thy dying love, of thy love in giving me thy self after thou seemedst to haue cast me of for ever? ah! I cannot love thee, not fear to sin against thee, although thou exercise me with such crosses, as again this day, wherein I may read my owne ill carriages toward thee. And dost thou yet make any beam of they love break out toward me, after any fears? Nay have so oft and so long comforted my self with thy love amidst my daily sins. The enmity and contrariety of my heart to seeking thee in earnest, with my want of dear affection to thee, these make me affraid. but thou did giue me thy self in the Lords supper, thou dist giue me a heart (though vile) to lay hold of the desiring all from thee. and this giues me hope. blessed be thy name.

Source: *The Diary of Michael Wigglesworth* edited by Edmund S. Morgan, Harper Torchbooks, The Academy Library, Harper & Row Publishers, New York

All Warriors have interesting ancestors! Rev. Michael Wigglesworth is your editor's most famous ancestor. Please send me interesting anecdotes about one or more of your ancestors for inclusion in the next issue of *Muskets & Arrows*. Please send it to gburditt@bellboyd.com or George Burditt at 179 East Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611, or call me at 312-944-4926 to discuss it. Brag a little!

Picture from the book here

Ad Hoc Committee Formed to Focus on Younger Member Recruitment

In an effort to enable our chapter to grow and succeed in the future, Warrior Bob Burell has agreed to chair a committee to focus on younger member recruitment. The committee has been formed to focus on attracting new, younger members to our organization. In addition to Bob, the committee is currently composed of Tom Knorr, Sumner Anderson and George Burditt. In an effort to “brainstorm” and develop meaningful ideas, the committee has two primary goals: 1) Identify and locate qualified potential members and 2) once identified, recruit such candidates with programs in place that would motivate them to join Colonial Wars in Illinois.

For the organization to be successful in recruiting new members, the committee is asking for your help. Soon you will be receiving an e-mail from the committee asking for names and addresses, particularly e-mails, of any potential member. The committee is in the process of collecting names for future events targeting potential younger members and your help is not only greatly appreciated, but also needed. The committee also welcomes any ideas from the membership to enable our organization to grow. Let’s plan now for the future viability and success of SCW in Illinois.

Kick-Off Reception Planned for Younger Member Recruitment

The recently formed committee on younger member recruitment is in the planning stages for a winter reception targeting individuals in their 20s and 30s with the purpose of attracting such individuals to our organization. The committee is working with local organizations with younger memberships to do a joint program in order to advertise our organization and help identify individuals who would be candidates to join. Preliminarily, the committee is planning to sponsor the reception in early to mid-February and is meeting to discuss the format and various venues. The committee welcomes any ideas and names of individuals to add to the invitation list. Colonial Wars has always been famous for its parties, and we want this one to be memorable.



Warrior and Mrs. Sumner Anderson Represented The Illinois Society at Mackinac's Summer Court

Here is Sumner's report:

My wife (Renee G. Anderson) and I had the distinct pleasure of attending the 2007 Great Northwest Summer Court hosted by the Society of Colonial Wars in the State Michigan from August 23-26 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in northern Michigan. My wife and I were married on Mackinac Island in July 2002 and had scheduled a return visit to celebrate our fifth wedding anniversary.

Governor Donald Allerton Johnston III from the State of Michigan was a gracious host who, along with the other members of the Michigan Society, made the weekend a tremendous success. Over 65 fellow warriors attended from approximately 15 states, with the largest contingent hailing from the State of Ohio followed by the State of South Carolina. Events included a tour of Mackinac Island (by horse and buggy as no cars are allowed on the Island), a cocktail reception in the 1779 Officers Quarters at Fort Mackinac, a church service at Trinity Episcopal Church and a black tie dinner on Saturday evening at the Grand Hotel. The weather was beautiful during the entire event and created a stunning backdrop for the Saturday evening cocktail reception on the east front porch of the Grand Hotel.

The General Society Secretary General, David Martin Trebing, was in attendance at the Northwest Summer Court and sends greetings to all members of the Illinois Society. The Rhode Island warriors were also in attendance and look forward to hosting the 101st General Council Meeting in Newport, Rhode Island, from May 8-11, 2008. Based on the number of participants enjoying after dinner cordials and cigars on the Grand Hotel's porch each evening, I believe everyone had a wonderful time.

The 2007 Northwest Summer Court was the first multi-state Society of Colonial Wars event I have ever attended. I would highly recommend these outings to anyone who might be interested. I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future and wish you a wonderful fall and holiday season.

