

A

HISTORY

of

MARIEMONT CHAPTER

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

for

1930 and 1931

CHAPTER HISTORY

On the afternoon of February 3, 1930, at the suggestion of Mr. Charles J. Livingood, whose wife is a charter member of the Cincinnati Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Howard R. Donley, who joined the D. A. R. at the age of eighteen, as Mary Louise Mullikin, called a meeting of ladies who were interested in organizing a Chapter of this organization in Mariemont. This first gathering convened in the Mariemont Museum.

Mrs. Donley had the eight eligibles of neighboring Newtown, who were cordially accepted among the initial roll, they having endeavored to organize in 1928. These ladies also were invited over upon this occasion, which ended in resolutions to have regular monthly meetings to weigh immediate procedure and maintain enthusiasm and contact.

The next meeting in March was heralded by the chilliest weather, together with delay in turning on the heat in the Museum, enough to have frosted any gathering but that of descendents of fighters and their ardor was

not cooled, though the chocolate was "not so hot".

Those present were:

Mrs. Howard R. Donley
Mrs. Biddlingmeyer
Mrs. Joseph A. Tobin
Mrs. Stanley L. Currier
Mrs. S. A. Mullikin
Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle
Miss Alma Dyer
Mrs. J. B. Whaling
Mrs. Paul V. Kreider
Mrs. Lynch
Mrs. R. Breslin

The last of these ladies is descended from Mary DeShay, the founder of the D. A. R.

The first paper, that of Mrs. Joseph A. Tobin, was sent to Washington on February 14th, followed by that of Mrs. Stanley Currier on February 28th.

At a Washington's Birthday party, attended by some thirty-five, prospective members were addressed by Mr. John Brown Jewett, well-known writer and author of early history of Ohio, on the subject of "Little Miami Valley". Mrs. Howard R. Donley was chosen as Organizing Regent by Mrs. Walter Tobey, State Regent, residing

at Hamilton, Ohio.

At this meeting, the offer of a prize of \$100.00 was made by Mrs. Charles J. Livingood, for the best essay submitted to her within a year, upon the subject of the Revolutionary Land Grant held by George Washington at the mouth of the Little Miami River, in Hamilton and Clermont Counties in Ohio.

Many meetings followed at the home of Mrs. Donley, growing in number as the applications were sent to Washington, as attendance at these meetings was limited to applicants. All of these ladies were helping friends and others eligible for membership, in hunting up their genealogical records and getting papers into proper form to file at Washington.

Mrs. Whaling especially proved competent at this work and spent long hours at the Public Library in this research. Fifteen sets of papers reached Washington in time to be acted upon by the National Board on April 12th. The sixteen organizing members, which included the Organizing Regent,

Mrs. Howard E. Donley were:

Mrs. Joseph A. Tobin, Jr.
Mrs. Stanley L. Currier
Mrs. Clifford Kadon
Mrs. Tom Addison
Miss Alice Langdon
Mrs. Paul V. Kreider
Mrs. George W. Jacoby
Mrs. George Heidenreich
Miss Nell Mullikin
Miss Margaret Thomas
Mrs. Jos. L. Tuttle
Mrs. W. D. Ehlers
Mrs. Vincent Cox
Mrs. Robert Poysell
Mrs. J. Finley Meek

On May 3, these applicants attended a delightful afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. Herbert C. Jus- sen, Sheldon Close, Mariemont. They were addressed by Mrs. F. Mills Judy, daughter of Governor and Mrs. Myers Y. Cooper. Her entertaining talk concerned her recent interesting experiences as personal page to Mrs. Lowell Fletcher Hobart, Regent General of the D. A. R. at the annual Continental Congress in Washington. This rare honor could have been conferred upon no one more acceptable than Mrs. Judy.

Mrs. Charles A. Meyers of Terrace Park, State Director for the

Southwestern District of Ohio, and Mrs. H. B. Whaling, were hostesses officiating on this afternoon. The assisting hostesses were: Mesdames: C. R. Jones, Donald Arnette, Robert Poysell, Clifford Kadon, Howard R. Donley, Misses: Rachel Sparling, Nell Mullikin and Juliet Bass. All were looking forward eagerly to the National Board Meeting on June 5th, at which time the Charter would be officially granted.

The name, Mariemont had been voted upon about April 22nd, at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Kadon. "Anthony-Wayne", "Mariemont-Anthony Wayne" and "Mariemont" had been submitted to the Secretary General, Mrs. William A. Becker, from which choice was to be made. Earlier precedence had been taken in naming another Chapter elsewhere "Anthony Wayne" and so, the name Mariemont was given.

On May 27th, in the Women's Club Rooms of the new Recreation Building at Mariemont, there was held a meeting presided over by Mrs. Walter Tobey, State Regent and Mrs. Asa Messenger of Xenia, Ohio, Vice Regent, for the purpose of installing officers in the new Chapter. These first officers of

Mariemont Chapter, were:

Mrs. Howard Donley, Regent
Mrs. Jos. A. Tobin, Jr., Registrar
Mrs. Clifford Kadon, Corresponding
Secretary
Miss Alice Langdon, Recording
Secretary
Mrs. Stanley L. Currier, Treasurer
Miss Margaret Thomas, Historian
Mrs. Paul V. Kreider, Vice Regent
Mrs. George Heidenreich, Custodian

After the installation ceremony, all joined hands and sang "Elest Be the Tie That Binds" and repeated the "American Creed". Everyone enjoyed the musical treat given by Mrs. Edwin Bush, the two numbers, "At the Twilight Hour" and "The Song of the Volga Boatmen" played beautifully upon the harp. This was followed by a banquet at Mariemont Inn, with the new Regent, Mrs. Donley as Toastmistress. Mrs. Paul V. Kreider furnished a theme adapted from Robert Louis Stevenson's "Road of the Loving Heart" along which the toasts of the evening were given.

Mrs. Donley portrayed "Gang's Boss", Mrs. Joseph A. Tobin "First Stones", "Inspector", Mrs. Walter L. Tobey, "First Milestones" Miss

Alice Langdon, "Quick Work" Mrs. H. B. Whaling, "First Joy Ride" Mrs. Stanley L. Carrier. Each of the remaining members represented "Native Carriers" being separately introduced. Place cards were artistically indited with faded ink upon aged-appearing brown paper, by Mrs. Vincent Cox. These cards were sealed with wax in the form of old-fashioned seals, with a design made for the evening.

Beside all of this convivial celebration of the Mariemont Chapter, there could be seen from the windows of the Recreation Building, the husbands of these newly accredited ladies, members and officers, pridefully endorsing the occasion by acting as nurse maids, a ludicrous task, while endeavoring to hold to their average scores at tennis.

As stated before, the Mariemont D. A. R. was officially recognized by National Headquarters on June 5, 1930, and in addition to the original sixteen members named, seven new ones were accepted and one transfer. The new members were: Mrs. Walter Hannah
Mrs. Albert Ronsheim
Mrs. Walter S. Peebles

Mrs. A. L. Wilson
Mrs. C. P. Sticksel
Mrs. A. E. Auburn
Miss Helen Wakefield

Mrs. Stuart Lowe was transferred to the Chapter from Niagara Falls, New York. These with the other sixteen named comprised the original Charter Membership roll.

On June 10th the first official meeting was held in the Women's Club Rooms of the Emery Memorial Recreation Building. This ended the meetings until a call to the Recreation Building on Wednesday, September 17th, when Mrs. Paul V. Kreider gave instructions and practice in Parliamentary Law. At this meeting it was further decided to give a bridge party on October 18th in this same building. Tickets cost \$1.00 each. Each member was asked to invite two tables, making a group of about two hundred guests. There was also read a report of the District Conference at Jeffersonville, Ohio, by Mrs. Robert Poysell, who had attended with Mrs. Howard R. Donley and Mrs. Clifford Kadon. These ladies enjoyed the opportunity of accompanying Mrs. Charles Meyers, Ohio Director of the Southwest District, and her guest, Mrs. Walter L. Tobey, State Regent, driving thence in Mrs. Meyers' car.

One of the first acts of the Chapter has been the distribution of George Rogers Clark maps to the schools and libraries of the locality, including as well as Mariemont, Linwood, Newtown, Fairfax, Madisonville and Hyde Park. Further distribution was made to the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the American Legion and the Library at Mariemont.

The October Board Meeting passed a resolution to plant a tree near the Museum, where the first meeting was held for the purpose of organizing Mariemont Chapter. This tree shall be a lovely, living mark of the beginning of the Chapter and it is hoped that it will grow and lend its sheltering shade for many years to come.

It was reported that over a hundred dollars had been cleared at the bridge party that had been so successful and enjoyable.

It was learned at the October meeting that Mrs. E. A. Thomas had been accepted by the National Board at Washington on October 15. She was the first new member to come into the Chapter after the Charter was closed.

Mr. Charles J. Livingood addressed this meeting on the subject of "Washington's Western Lands". He chose this topic so as to awaken enthusiasm for the essay contest on this matter. Mr. John Brown Jewett, of Newtown, again spoke to the Chapter on "Contradictions in Pioneer History". Both gave many interesting ideas and sidelights on early local history.

The November meeting of the Mariemont Chapter of the D. A. R. was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Poysell on Wooster Pike. Owing to the illness of the Regent, Mrs. Paul V. Kreider, Vice Regent presided over the business meeting at which the by-laws were voted upon and accepted. It was also decided to send the Regent as a delegate to the Continental Congress in Washington in April.

Mrs. Stuart Lowe's paper on "The American War of Independence, Its Causes and Effects" was enjoyed by all. Another interesting feature was Mrs. J. Finley Meek's "Thanksgiving Season".

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. George Heidenreich, Mrs. Tom Addison and Mrs. Albert Ronsheim, dis-

pensed the refreshments of coffee and pumpkin pie.

Marion Chapter was well represented at the entertainment given at the Recreation Building December 5, 1930, by Mrs. Mildred Gornien-Jerden of Newtown, who gave as a platform reading "A Set of Turquoise". This entertainment was a community affair for which each organization had been asked to contribute a part.

The December board meeting was held in the Museum, three rooms of which Mr. Charles J. Livingood has given to the Chapter as their very own in which they may hold all of their meetings.

Permission was also granted to plant the Chapter tree, a Douglas fir, in the yard in front of the Museum.

It was decided to hold an all-day sew on Wednesday, January 21, 1931, to make curtains and towels for the Museum.

A very notable affair was held at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Meyers in Terrace Park, Ohio on Tuesday, December 30, 1930. The host-

ess, assisted by her daughters, Mrs. Eppa Rixey and Mrs. Lawrence J. Gessing, gave a very charming party, at which the guests of honor were Mrs. Lowell F. Hobart, National Regent, of Milford, Ohio, and Mrs. Walter L. Tobey, State Regent, of Hamilton, Ohio. Mrs. Hobart spoke on "National Defense" and also told us about the schools the D. A. R. is sponsoring at Tamasee, N. C. and the Indian School in Kansas. Mrs. Tobey also gave a short talk in her inimitable style.

These were followed by a delightful vocal program given by Mrs. Florence Evans accompanied by Miss Grace Chapman.

Mrs. Howard R. Donley, Regent, presided at the business meeting, at which nominations were in order for a delegate to attend the State Conference in Dayton in March.

It was announced that Mrs. Asa McDaniel and Mrs. R. E. Coan had been accepted by the National Board on December 10, 1930.

Delightful refreshments in keeping with the holiday season were served.

As only two members appeared at the January Board Meeting, the evening was spent in moving furniture.

An all-day sew held at the Museum on January 21st, was well attended. Two hooked rugs for use in the Chapter rooms were started and a quilt was started.

Luncheon was served to the members and their guests at a nominal cost of twenty-five cents each. The meal consisted of various home-cooked dishes prepared by the hospitality committee.

Mrs. Peebles had with her the costume jewelry which she is selling. The proceeds will go to the Chapter.

In the afternoon all adjourned to the Model Laundry for a tour of inspection which lasted about two hours. Refreshments were served in the dining-room of the laundry at the conclusion of the tour. The Chapter received twenty-five cents each for all those who made the trip. This added about five dollars to the exchequer.

The regular January meeting was held in the Recreation Building. The Ellis Island Committee put on the program. Mrs. C. P. Sticksel is the Chairman. Mr. Eugene Runte of Newtown gave two groups of songs: "Your Song From Paradise", "Old Man River", "Gypsy Love Song," "On the Road to Mandalay", "Invictus" and "Sylvia". He was accompanied by Miss Alice Langdon.

Mrs. Sticksel read a paper "The Gateway to America" by Mrs. Leigh Nichols of Kenton, Ohio, State Ellis Island Chairman. Misses Almira Hanaford and Virginia Speaks from the Junior Work Shop in Cincinnati favored those present with a classic dance. Miss Kate Cornish who was unable to be present sent copies of "DaBeggan Man" and "Da Leetla Boy" by Thomas Augustine Daly. These were read.

Mrs. Charles Meyers gave an inspiring talk on "Our Organization and Work". She also gave a brief history of the formation of the D. A. R. Then followed a more detailed outline of the work of the various departments in each chapter.

It was decided to allow each member to bring a guest to the Feb-

ruary tea, a fee of twenty-five cents per guest being in order.

The alternates chosen for the State Conference were Miss Margaret Thomas, Mrs. George Jacoby, Mrs. Clifford Kadon, Mrs. Vincent Cox, Mrs. Stanley Currier, and Mrs. George Heidenreich.

It was decided at the February Board Meetings to set aside a sum of money from the treasury to be used to furnish the Museum. This is the Chapter's local project.

It was reported that Mrs. Miller E. Dartt had been accepted by the National Board at their January meeting.

The Washington's Birthday tea held at the Recreation Building was a gala event. Interest centered in Mrs. Paul V. Kreider, chairman of the tea and winner of the prize essay on "Washington as a Land Operator". The prize of \$100.00 in gold was presented by Mr. Thomas Hogan, Jr., on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Livingood who were unable to be present at the tea. The judges were Mr. Livin-

good, Mr. Walter A. Draper, and Mr. Virginius C. Hall. Mr. Livingston sent a letter to be read at the meeting.

The contestants were: Mrs. Kreider, Mrs. Howard R. Donley, Mrs. George W. Jacoby, Mrs. Vincent Cox, Miss Alice Langdon, Mrs. Joseph A. Tobin, Mrs. Clifford Kadon, Mrs. J. Finley Meek, Mrs. E. A. Thomas, and Miss Margaret Thomas.

The receiving line consisted of Mrs. Donley, Mrs. Kreider, and Mrs. Addison. There were about seventy-five guests.

Mrs. Miller Dartt had charge of the tea table which was decorated with white freesias, blue sweet peas and red roses. Mrs. A. E. Auburn, Mrs. Oscar Rupp, Mrs. Jos. L. Tuttle and Mrs. S. A. Mullikin poured.

Miss Margery Morgan interpreted several selections on the piano; Miss Jean Gruenberger, a pupil of Madam Feodorova, danced the minuet, dressed in colonial costume; and Mrs. William D. Ehlers, rendered two vocal solos: "A Spirit Flower" and "The New Umbrella".

The favors were tiny red, white, and blue hatchets.

Those attending the State Conference at Dayton on March 17, 18 and 19, were Mrs. Donley and Miss Thomas as Delegates, and Mrs. McDaniel as a guest.

At the regular March Board meeting, Mrs. Tobin was chosen as a member of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Jacoby reported the purchase of curtains for the upstairs room of the Museum. It was found that the piano had been delivered and tuned.

At the Regular March meeting, Mrs. Vincent Cox, Mrs. Walter Hannah and Miss Margaret Thomas were selected to complete the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Foraker of the Cincinnati Chapter, gave a very interesting talk.

The Delegates to the State Conference gave their report of their interesting experiences at Dayton.

It was decided to send our contribution to Wakefield in the name of Mrs. Livingood.

Due to inclement weather,
there was no April Board meeting.

The regular April meeting was
held at the Museum on the 28th.
The election resulted as follows:

Regent	Mrs. Paul Kreider
Vice-Regent	Mrs. C.F. Sticksel
Recording Secretary	Miss Alice Langdon
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. C.R. Kadon
Treasurer	Miss Nell Mullikin
Registrar	Mrs. G. W. Jacoby
Historian	Miss Margaret Thomas
Custodian	Mrs. Walter Peebles
Chaplain	Mrs. A.E. Auburn
Two-Year Board Member	Mrs. Howard Donley
One-Year Board Member	Mrs. Tom Addison

Mrs. Donley, Chapter delegate
at the Continental Congress, was
able to give those present many
interesting details of the meet-
ing. She also reported that Mrs.
Otis L. Cameron and Miss Jessie
Cameron had been accepted by the
National Board at the April meet-
ing. This makes a Chapter member-
ship of Thirty.

Mr. Paul V. Kreider gave an interesting and instructive talk on the literature of the Revolution.

The regular May Board meeting was held on the 18th at the Museum.

The regular May meeting was held on the 25th at the Recreation Building, with Mrs. Kreider presiding due to the continued illness of the Regent. All officers and committee chairmen gave their annual reports at this time.

There followed an illustrated lecture showing native wild flowers in color. The lecture was given by Mrs. Nancy Cones of Loveland. Members brought guests.

A Flag Day luncheon was held at the Netherland Plaza on June 13th. The meeting opened with the singing of the national anthem.

Mrs. Albert Ronsheim as Chapter Flag Chairman, presented the Chapter flag. The twenty-four persons present responded

with the Salute to the Flag.. Next in order was the exhibition of the newly arrived Charter and a short historical sketch by the Chapter Historian.

Mrs. Tobin rendered Mrs. B. Y. Williams' patriotic poem "What Does the Flag Mean to You"?

Mrs. Kaiser gave "The Old Flag Shall Never Fall" and "Women of All Nations" as vocal solos. She was accompanied by Mrs. Poole and Miss Langdon.

As Mrs. Donley was still confined to her home, she sent a letter of appreciation of the work done by the officers and chairmen during the year.

Mrs. H. B. Whaling installed the new officers with due ceremony. She offered us an elm which is a direct descendant of the Washington Elm of Cambridge.

The Chapter presented Mrs. Donley with a book, and she, in turn, through Miss Langdon gave the Chapter a Regent's pin to be worn by the successive Regents. Copies of the Flag Code and the Chapter By-Laws were distributed.

The Chapter was honored in

having the winning essay and those of Mrs. Jacoby and Miss Thomas read before the June meeting of the Mount Vernon Society.

Meetings were suspended at this time until September.

Mrs. Kreider, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Sticksel, and Miss Thomas attended the Southwest District meeting at Cedarville, Ohio. The session was presided over by Mrs. Charles A. Meyers.

The first regular meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1932. All present enjoyed a talk on "Early Beginnings in Ohio" by Miss Alice Langdon.

The October meeting was held on the 27th at the home of Mrs. C. P. Sticksel with the four Newtown members as hostesses to the Chapter. The decorations of colored leaves, orange flowers and candles, and Jack-O'-Lanterns were reminiscent of the Hallowe'en season, as were the refreshments of cider and doughnuts. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Pliny Johnston, whose subject was the "Early History of Hamilton County." Mrs. Robert Matlack, accompanied by Miss Clara Bridges sang "The Song of the Flag" which is of her own arrangement and "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers."

It was learned that Mrs. Sadie McDaniel has been accepted for transfer to our Chapter.

It was learned early in November that the following new members had been accepted by the National Board, October 21, 1931: Mrs. R. C. Jones, Miss Henryette Lemon, Mrs. Phoebe Sadler, and Miss Ramona Kaiser. This made the total membership to date thirty-four.

On November 24, 1931, the Board selected Mrs. Joseph Tobin to succeed Mrs. Walter Peebles as Registrar, the latter having moved to Pittsburgh.

The Chapter decided at this time to donate \$5.00 to the Market Basket Committee for the Poor, and to also donate one staple article per member at each meeting beginning with December for this same cause.

Mrs. Wilson was selected to send a Christmas present to Valley Kelley at Tamassee School, contributions to be voluntary. Mrs. Heidenreich donated two towels to this school in accordance with the State Regent's request.

Mrs. Cameron read an interesting and instructive paper on "The Mound Builders": Mrs. Kræder

read her prize essay on "George Washington's Lands in the Vicinity of Cincinnati."

The bridge party held December 5, 1931, at the Recreation Building was a great success and was enjoyed by all. There were more than forty tables. The refreshments of coffee and pastries were quite acceptable. The candy made by Mrs. McDaniel added greatly to the occasion. The prizes were jeweled pins.

The regular December meeting was held at the museum on the 29th, with Mrs. Kreider presiding. After a short business meeting, Mrs. Currier read a Christmas story. Mrs. Dartt and Mrs. McDaniel, accompanied by Miss Langdon, sang Christmas carols. The members then chose sides and presented charades. This was done so that members would get better acquainted with each other. The Museum was decorated with holly, and fires were lighted in the fireplaces to aid the candles in furnishing light.

The regular meeting was held on January 26, 1932 at the Recreation Building with twenty-

two members present. The tea was announced for Saturday, February 20, 1932, members being permitted to bring three guests each without charge. All greatly enjoyed the illustrated lecture on "Early American Furniture" by Miss Little of the University of Cincinnati.

On February 13th, the Yale picture "Washington at Valley Forge" was presented at the Recreation Building to a large and enthusiastic audience.

The Chapter chose as its delegate to the State Convention, Miss Alice Langdon; with alternates Mrs. Tobin, Mrs. Currier, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ronsheim, and Miss Thomas.

The Colonial Tea held on February 20, 1932 was very enjoyable and was well attended. The table decorations were in red, white, and blue. The feature of the afternoon was two groups of songs by Mr. Eugene Runte, comprising the following selections: "The Lacerated Spirit" from Simon Boccanegro, "Deep River" by Burleigh, "Goin' Home" by Dvorak, "Gray Days" by Noel Johnson.

The Chapter membership was raised to thirty-eight by the transfer from Omaha of Mrs. V. V. Malcolm and the acceptance of Mrs. Helen Binder and Mrs. Constance Pohl by the National Board.

The regular March meeting was held at the home of the Regent, Mrs. Paul Kreider. Miss Langdon gave a report of the State Conference. Miss Ramona Kaiser recited her original poem entitled "Washington at Valley Forge", and told of her visit to Kenmore. Mrs. Justice of Mariemont gave a most enjoyable talk on portraits and statues of Washington.

At the regular April meeting at the Museum, a flag was presented the Cub Pack of Mariemont, by Mrs. C. P. Sticksel on behalf of the Chapter and accepted by Tommy Kreider. The Rev. Asa McDaniel who is in charge of the Pack told the Chapter a few things about the organization. Mrs. Walter Hannah gave a brief report of the Washington Congress. The annual election resulted as follows:

Regent	Mrs. Paul Kreider
Vice Regent	Miss Alice Langdon
Recording Sec'y	Mrs. C.P. Sticksel
Corres. Sec'y	Mrs. Jos. Tobin

Treasurer Miss Margaret Thomas
Historian Mrs. Joe. Tuttle
Registrar Mrs. Walter Hannah
Custodian Mrs. Robert Coan
Chaplain Mrs. Asa McDaniel
One-Year Bd. Member Mrs. A.L. Wilson

The regular May meeting was held at the Museum with seventeen members present. After a short business meeting, Miss Ramona Kaiser told of her interesting visit to the National Congress in Washington.

At the meeting held June 21, 1932, at the Museum, Mrs. Kreider dedicated the marker for the George Washington tree. The marker for the grave of the Revolutionary Soldier, Price Thompson, at Blue Ash, Ohio, was dedicated by Miss Margaret Thomas. This marker was placed on the grave on June 30, 1932. After the lowering of the flag by the Boy Scouts and the benediction by the Rev. Asa McDaniels, all adjourned to the Museum which was beautifully decorated by red, white, and blue flowers, and partook of the delicious refreshments provided by the Committee. Mrs. Oliver Kaiser in Colonial costume sang "The Old Flag Shall Never Fall" and "Women of All Nations". The Chapter adjourned until September.