



**THE TAMPA CHAPTER  
FLORIDA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

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WILLIAM HARRISON FELTON - State #5254 - National #126640 \* 1894-1988

Compatriot Felton died Monday, March 7th. A Charter member of the Tampa Chapter SAR, Compatriot Felton was a descendant of Benjamin Felton. A native of North Hampton, Massachusetts, he had been a Tampa Bay area resident since 1963. He was a retired Chase Manhattan Bank N.A. assistant treasurer in New York, A U.S. Army veteran of World War I, a member of Palma Ceia United Methodist Church, American Legion Dale Mabry Post No. 139, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10140, Northhampton Historical Society and a 70-year member of Jerusalem Lodge of Masons of Northhampton.

Until fairly recently he attend Chapter meetings regularly and he will be missed by his fellow Compatriots and the Chapter which extends its condolences to his family. A contribution has been sent in his memory to The Florida Society SAR Endowment Trust Fund.

Our Next Meeting

Will be our THIRD ANNUAL AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET. It will be held on Saturday, March 19th starting at 7 P.M. for social activities with dinner to be served at 7:30 P.M. Dress is black tie optional. The cost of the dinner will be \$10 (which is less than it was for the first two banquets). The meeting will be held at our usual place, the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores, Drive. Chapter officers for the '88-'89 year will be installed by West Central Regional Vice-President (and our own Honorary Associate Member) Glenn Arter. Appropriate awards will be presented. Compatriot's wives and/or other guests are particularly invited to this meeting although always welcome at any of our meetings.

Please make your reservations with the Telephone Committee who will be calling this coming week or (since Bob Hill can't make this meeting) with Jack Seymour, 973-1429, by Wednesday, March 16th, the latest so the number of meals needed can be coordinated with the Shrine's kitchen.

Among the awards to be presented Saturday night is the Eagle Scout Scholarship Award, including a bronze medal, a Good Citizenship Certificate, a uniform patch and a \$50 U.S. Savings bond. All of this is going to Eagle Scout Eric Henry Hilferding of Zephyrhills. His impressive credentials include Cub Scouting 3 years, Scouting 6 years, Eagle Scout #1986, 40 merit badges (including one in genealogy), 2 palms, Order of the Arrow, World and U.S. Jamborees, Honor Roll at school, Captain in the Junior ROTC, 1987 Garden Club Exhibit Award, instructor to the Girl Scouts and about 20 hours a week in a part-time job. The award to be presented to him is based on the theme of his presentation - "Valley Forge".

This banquet/meeting is the only one which is regularly scheduled as a more formal and special evening meeting and all the Compatriot members should make a special effort to attend it to show their support for the one organization which observes the significance of their ancestor's efforts toward our nation.

Our Last Meeting

was the joint meeting with the Clearwater Chapter and guests in observance of Washington's Birthday. It was well attended including a goodly number from the Tampa Chapter. Judge Harry Fogle's talk on the role of Washington at the 1787 Constitutional Convention and his continuing influence in our jurisprudence was most educational.

## Odds and Ends

Our Genealogist/Registrar, Ted Dickerson keeps stressing the need for all of us Compatriots to recruit new members. From drops and deaths our membership is declining rather than growing. Each of us should look for every opportunity possible to push the SAR and the Tampa Chapter in particular.

An article in the Tampa Tribune under the heading "Black heroes praised" read as follows:

Washington - A House subcommittee tentatively approved a resolution Tuesday endorsing a new memorial honoring black men, women and children who supported the American revolution.

The resolution supports a recommendation by Interior Secretary Donald Hodel for a Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial to honor the estimated 5,000 blacks who served as soldiers, sailors or otherwise provided assistance to the revolution for American independence.

Some March milestones in the Revolution-

- 1776 - March 17th - the British evacuate Boston.
- 1781 - the Articles of Confederation, our first frame of government, is signed by Congress on March 2nd.
  - March 15th - British defeat Greene's army in Battle of Guilford Court House but suffer crippling losses.
  - March 18th - Victorious British, are led by Cornwallis, in the retreat which leads to Yorktown.

Don't forget our responsibility in showing the CAR that we support them. To become a Florida Society State Promoter send \$5 to Mrs. Jerson A Teran  
Senior State Treasurer  
8885 S.W. 147 Avenue, Apt. 1221  
Miami, Fl 33196

And don't forget to identify yourself as a member of the Tampa Chapter when you do. It earns points toward an award for the Chapter. For something to do for the CAR closer to home, check with Bob Baylies. He is our contact with the Ft. Brooke Chapter CAR.

Compatriot Elwin Thrasher -689-1119- will make any changes and up-dates in the Chapter year book that you let him know about, including listing your spouses' name, your new telephone number, your new address and the like.

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