

On December 21, 1921, in response to an invitation from Mrs. Isabel Mason Evans Cochran (Mrs. Joel Minter Cochran), several ladies met at her home to take the preliminary steps to form a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, Virginia State Regent, expressed her pleasure with the plan. She assured the ladies of her cooperation. She reminded them of existing regulations which required that they use a post office other than Charlottesville. She suggested Rio. Mrs. Cochran was appointed organizing regent. The names of eighteen members who had gone 'at large' in order to become members of the new chapter were sent to the Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR.

The chapter was given the name 'Thomas Jefferson'. Its first official meeting was held on January 7, 1922, at which time bylaws were adopted.

Because a chapter of the National Society bore the name 'Thomas Jefferson', it was necessary to select another name for the fledgling chapter. Mrs. J. Cooke Grayson (Jennie) suggested the name Jack Jouett, in honor of the Revolutionary patriot, Captain Jack Jouett, Jr.

Mrs. Grayson wrote the history of Jack Jouett's ride, verifying his Revolutionary service. Click here to read her account: <http://archive.org/details/jackjouettofalbe01gray>.

Our newly-restored chapter charter is dated March 23, 1926. It contains the names of 36 charter members. This charter is considered a primary source document for these residents of the Charlottesville area.

Original Officers

Regent	Mrs. Isabel Evans Cochran
First Vice Regent	Mrs. James Fulton Williams
Recording Secretary	Mrs. James Estill Irvine
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Jennie Thornley Grayson (John Cooke)
Treasurer	Mrs. Orie Slaughter Fitzhugh
Registrar	Miss Mary G. Fletcher
Historian	Mrs. Arthur T. Ewing (Mae Harvey?)

On April 9, 1924, an engraved brass star, purchased at Tiffany and Company, in honor of Jack Jouett and his historic ride was placed on the top step of the east portico at Monticello. On

June 4th, the anniversary of Jack Jouett's ride, the star was unveiled by the chapter. That star is still on view at Monticello. However, because of heavy foot traffic, it was necessary to have it re-engraved some years ago, and moved to the west portico.

On September 6, 1926, the Jack Jouett Chapter unveiled a bronze tablet and boulder which marks the place where Jack began his famous ride in Cuckoo, Louisa County, Virginia. The site was given for the sum of \$1 plus 50¢ processing fee by Dr. Eugene Pendleton whose family has owned Cuckoo since 1818. The deed to that property is still held by the chapter.

The first gavel was given to the chapter by the General John Smith Chapter, United States Daughters of the War of 1812. The wood for the gavel came from Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland. The gavel has a silver, engraved plaque bearing this information and the date of January 1923. Mrs. Isabel Cochran had founded that chapter.

In observance of the 250th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth on April 13, 1993, the Jack Jouett Chapter donated approximately 40 white mulberry trees to Monticello at a cost of \$5000, which, today, constitute 'Mulberry Row.'

Today the ninety members of Jack Jouett Chapter continue to carry out the objectives of *Patriotism, Historic Preservation* and *Education* with involvement in a variety of endeavors.

We participate in Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Constitution Day and Veterans Day activities. We support 'Project Patriot'. Several members conduct a tee-shirt designing class at Jack Jouett Middle School to emphasize the first ten amendments of the Constitution. We collect used flags to be 'retired' by American Legion Post #74. We have adopted a cemetery on Hydraulic Road. We place flags on military graves there for patriotic holidays. We participate in the 'British Invasion of 1781' held at Monticello the first weekend in June to re-enact Jack Jouett's ride.

We award certificates, medals, and scholarship money to students in the areas of history, good citizenship, music and art.

We have provided books about Jack Jouett to school and public libraries in our area. Our yearly literacy project has provided books and volunteers for summer reading programs as well as programs during the regular school year.

Several years ago, members of the chapter invited other Virginia and Kentucky Daughters to join them on a trip to Jack Jouett House in Versailles, Kentucky, to find out the 'rest of the story.' The group spent several days exploring the area, learning what happened to Jack and his family there.

Our members use computer skills to study family genealogy. Computer workshops teach members how to research their patriots.

2016 - 2017 Chapter member, Diane Inman, author of the children's book, 'Buddy and the Chickens, and illustrator, Pat Lattin of Culpeper Minutemen chapter won the National First Place in Literacy award.

2017 - 2018 The Jack Jouett Chapter NSDAR nominated Chris Shedd of Burley Middle School as DAR American History of the Year. Chris went on to win the State and National awards.

Past Regents

Isabel Mason Evans Cochran	1922-1926
Ora/Orie Slaughter Fitzhugh	1926-1928
Jennie Thornley Grayson	1928-1929
Katherine B. Grayson Reynolds	1929-1932
Nettie Thompson Hanckel	1932-1935
Katherine B. Grayson Reynolds	1935-1938
- State Regent	1941-1944
Susan Byrd Wills Pegau	1938-1941
Elizabeth Bruce Brooke Ritchie	1942-1944
Nettie Thompson Hanckel	1944-1947
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Genevieve Forbes Morse	1947-1950
Virginia Phillips Yancey	1950-1953
Mary Craig Owens	1953-1956

Mary Elizabeth 'Bess' Herring McLeod	1956-1959
Alice Jamison Thompson	1959-1962
Elizabeth Keeling McKenzie Wallenborn	1962-1965
Sallie Pugh Haden	1965-1968
Jean Printz	1968-1971
Isabel Cochran McCue	1971-1974
Alice Tucker Johnson	1974-1977
Beverly Parker Kelsey	1977-1979
Julia Graves Nunley	1979-1980
Louise Mosby Stephens Cropp	1980-1983
Buena Vista Speake Meem	1983-1986
Mary Margaret Davis Shelton	1986-1989
Yates Carr Garnett	1989-1992
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Nell A. McFarland	1995-1998
Lucy Welbourn Johnson	1998-2001
Judith Joy Surber	2001-2004
Judith Joy Surber	2004-2007
- State Regent	2016-2019

Beverly Healy Hankins	2007-2010
Rebecca Sue Given Wilson	2010-2013
Thelma 'Diane' Russell Inman	2013-2016
Sharon Kay Burnette Boyer	2016-2018



In Memoriam

Sharon Kay Burnette Boyer
(Mrs. French Locke)
November 9, 2018



Alice Lorraine Wallenborn
February 21, 2016



Elizabeth Talbot Smith Alford
(Mrs. Neill Herbert, Jr.)
March 28, 2015



Mary Jean Printz
December 1, 2014



Courtney Bowdoin Elliott
March 31, 2014



Doris Jean Martin Hunter
(Mrs. Carl Doering)
June 24, 2013

