



**Godfrey Dreher Chapter SCSSAR
November 2024**

Our next meeting is November 11, 2024

at Lizard's Thicket

4616 Augusta Road at 7:00 PM

Join us for supper at 6:00 PM

Our Speaker will be

Chapter member

Aric Bruggeworth

**“Finding The Shirt-Tail Men: Repositories & Resources To
Use When Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors”**

**Aric transferred to our chapter from Florida and we invited
him a year ago to speak and the time is finally here. We are
excited and hope everyone can make it on Veterans day!**

**We thank all who have served our country and thank the 19
members of our chapter who have received SAR certificates
of recognition of their service.**



Last month was the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter. For the first time in our history we have a total of 50 active members. Our past Presidents and charter members gave a written message which was read at the meeting, Don Simmons, Fritz Gladfelter, Woody Carothers with Bill Wilson, Gary Blanpied and our current President Nelson McLeod were live speakers and Carl Epps and Mike Gillis read our first two president's messages. Honored guests included SCSSAR past president Doug Doster who signed our charter in 2009, past president Ted Walker and color guard commander Scott Bruton.



Thank you Terry Gladfelter for bringing the delicious carrot cake honoring our chapter's 15th



Fritz and Doug Doster with our original charter.



Carl Epps read Hampton Fuller's message.



Mike Gillis read Wayne Robert's message and Don Simmons read his very moving message. Thank you Don! Ted Walker and Doug Doster also make inspirational remarks.



Woody Carothers and

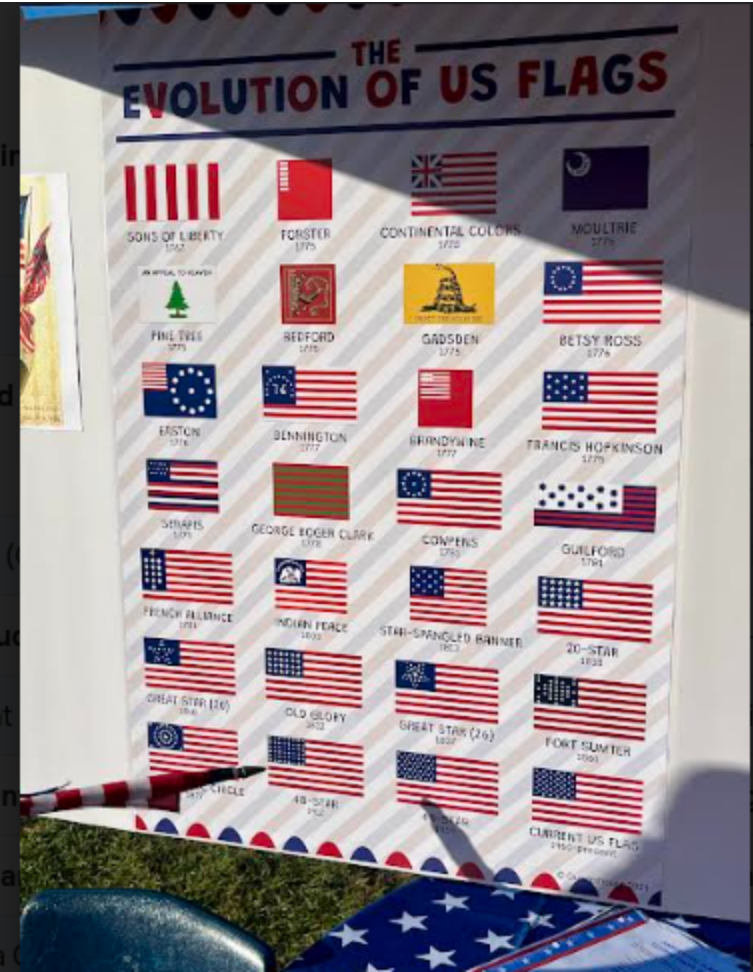
Bill Wilson

The Board of Governors meeting for SCSSAR was held October 16, 2024. I am a member of the nominating committee for 2025-2026. If you have any nominations please email me at garyblanpied@gmail.com

On October 23rd Godfrey Dreher and Granby NSDAR hosted an evolution of the flag at ex-president Ted Walker's event at Jet Middle School. We told them some history and had them recite the Pledge and gave out 600 flags and 200 flag pins.

THE EVOLUTION OF US FLAGS

 SONS OF LIBERTY 1776	 FOSTER 1776	 CONTINENTAL COLORS 1776	 MOULTRIE 1776
 AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN 1776	 BEDFORD 1776	 GADSDEN 1776	 BETSY ROSS 1776
 EASTON 1776	 BENNINGTON 1777	 BRINDWINE 1777	 FRANCIS HOPKINSON 1776
 SHRAPS 1776	 GEORGE EDER CLARK 1776	 COMPENS 1776	 GUILFORD 1781
 FRENCH ALLIANCE 1781	 INDIAN PEACE 1802	 STAR-SPANGLED BANNER 1803	 20-STAR 1822
 GREAT STAR (10) 1862	 OLD GLORY 1863	 GREAT STAR (26) 1890	 FORT SUMTER 1895
 48-STAR 1912	 48-STAR 1912	 48-STAR 1912	 CURRENT US FLAG 1950-PRESENT









October 23 was American Revolutionary War Living History Day at JET Middle School. It lasted from 9:00

to 3:00PM at 1095 Columbia Road, Johnston, SC 29832. This event was free and open to the public.

From: Ted Walker, Past State President, SCSSAR

Event Coordinator (803) 599-1654 **email:** twalkerj@bellsouth.net

President's Messages

Hampton Fuller

It was in 2009 that I was asked if I would like to lead a newly formed chapter in Lexington County named the Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

I accepted and I believe we held our first meeting at the Lexington County Museum or Lizard's Thicket in Oak Grove. Dr Redding Corbett played a big role in organizing our chapter and I cannot thank him enough for all his hard work in being one of the founding father's of our chapter.

I remember going to Camden as well as The Cayce Granby Museum to commemorate historic events regarding the SCSAR.

I attended many state SCSAR conferences and met so many people!

I am currently a member of the Fort Henry WVSAR chapter in Wheeling, WV and am on the chapter medal committee as well as the Fort Henry Days committee.

If you need any more information, please let me know.

Again, thank you for thinking of me and take care,

Respectfully,

Hampton O. Fuller, MLIS

Wayne Roberts

October 7, 2024

Greetings To The Members And Families Of The
Godfrey Dreher Chapter Of The SAR,

I wish to extend warm and affectionate greetings to
the members of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter,
their spouses and friends. It is with affection and
pride that I share your celebration of 25 years.

I was there at the beginning and served as your
president for several years at different times. I
have been a member of four chapters of the South
Carolina Society of the Sons of the American
Revolution, one before Godfrey Dreher and two after
moving from Lexington. I can tell you
unequivocally that I enjoyed my membership in the
Godfrey Dreher Chapter the best. I think the
thing I enjoyed most was the high attendance of
spouses, families and friends with the members.

That made the meetings especially warm and friendly. I wish that we could have stayed within reach of Lexington. However, it was time to return home and get out of the Columbia area heat. I still treasure the accomplishments of the chapter. We had the best speakers in the state. We had great battlefield tours. And we placed a historical marker at the site of the Battle of Tarrar Springs. But it is the warm and congenial meetings with the men, women and children who attended that I cherish the most. Congratulations on 25 years and your milestone in membership.

With Affectionate Best Wishes,

Wayne D. Roberts
170 Belvue Road
Travelers Rest, S. C. 29690

Fritz Gladfelter

" 15 Years and Counting"

In this very room 15 years ago, Godfrey Dreher Chapter of the SAR was formed under the direction of Rick Corbin.

He was an SAR member in charge of adding & renewing chapters. Five of us assembled to start this adventure - Farroll Gunter (LGA), Horace Harman (director of the Lexington Museum), Hampton Fuller (first president and Judy Kaminer Baker's son), Jacob Gilliam (Janice Lee's grandson), Fritz Gladfelter.

In addition, Janice Lee and Terry Gladfelter were there to process our applications and push us along. Shortly after came David Sr & Jr. and Wayne Areheart, the Burnetts and Libby Rauch's sons, Chris and Robert, Nelson McLeod and the Morrisons-father and son and Don Jones were very soon in the mix. Our color guard was formed! What a fun time to see them buying their Revolutionary garb.

During our first meeting we had no flag, no ceremony, no idea what we were doing, only our determination was present. We struggled along as we added members and presented excellent speakers which increased our membership to now over 50 members.

Our first action as a chapter for the community was to honor Lexington's Revolutionary site "Tarrar Springs" with a SC State Marker. At the time we had only \$200 in the Treasury. To kick off the funding I handed them a \$100 bill so we were off and running. It took several years because DOT had to complete the sidewalks, so the Town of Lexington stored the marker for us for almost 2 years.

We owe our past Presidents for their dedication: Hampton Fuller, Woody Carrothers, Don Simmons, Wayne Roberts, Bill Wilson, Gary Blanpied. Now we owe our full support to President Nelson McLeod.

Our Patriot Godfrey Dreher Sr. was born c1720 and d. c1790.. He was born 304 years ago.

Our National Charter was dated October 2009.

Happy 15th Anniversary Godfrey Dreher

Fritz Gladfelter

Don Simmons

Happy 15th Anniversary to the Godfrey Dreher Chapter of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. I was honored to serve as President for a few of those years. Hampton Fuller, Wayne Roberts, Woody Carothers, Bill Wilson, Gary Blanpied and now Nelson McLeod have over those years provided stellar leadership.

Hampton Fuller was the first President. The chapter met at Ryans Steak House and Flight Deck before settling on a set site (the “new” Lizard’s Thicket at Oak Grove) and time (second Monday at 6 pm}. Early officers were Secretaries Jim McGill, Gene Retski, Hugh Ham and the late Don Jones. The late Mr David Areheart and sons Gary and Wayne were Color Guard members. Treasurers were Horace Harmon and Harold Maxwell. Hugh Ham served as Chaplain. Farroll Gunter and Buddy Witherspoon visited schools and presented Bronze JROTC awards. Fritz and Terry Gladfelter have been stalwarts at meetings for 15 years. Wayne Roberts served as Vice President and President. His popularity with historians and archaeologists provided the chapter with a

wealth of educational speakers. In fact, the Godfrey Dreher Chapter became known for great speakers. Dean Hunt, Joe Long, Michael Burgess helped us to remember our Patriot ancestors and the battles and skirmishes they fought in.

We tried very hard to have organized, planned, concise and on schedule meetings. We included humor, pledges, business and timely topics. The Rev war in SC and Lexington County has been first and foremost during our planning. The Tarrar Springs roadside marker project started with Wayne Roberts, was moved forward during my last term as President and came to fruition with the unveiling of the marker in a joint SAR/DAR (Godfrey Dreher/Granby) celebration under the guidance of President Woody Carothers.

During my years as President I tried to honor our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

Don Simmons

October 14, 2024

**Compatriots Warren W. “Woody”
Carothers(2018-2020) and Bill Wilson(2018-2022)**

I joined the Thomas Taylor Chapter of the SAR in 1996. Although I lived in Lexington County, their luncheon quarterly meetings during the week were convenient to my work location which was the University of SC. During 2017 I became Registrar of the Thomas Taylor Chapter

and got to know Don Simmons who was then President of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter. He answered a lot of my questions about the registrar position. Since I was then retired, I moved to the Godfrey Dreher Chapter along with my friend Bill Wilson.

In 2018 Compatriot Simmons was filling the roles of President, Vice President, and Registrar. He asked me to serve as Vice President and Registrar. In December of 2018, Don took leave from the chapter due to illness. I assumed his duties and was elected as Chapter President during the Spring of 2019. Compatriot Wilson was elected as Vice President and Registrar.

Compatriot Simmons had good officer support; however, he took primary responsibility for conducting the chapter meetings and representing the chapter at local and SCSSAR events and programs.

When I became chapter president, there were several needs which I set as my goals. They were:

Speaker media support. At the time we had no projection screen or equipment to enable speakers to use visual aids. With the help of Bill Wilson, Keith Maddox, and Robert Eschew, we always had a projection screen and computer for the use of the speaker. Compatriots Wilson and Blanpied have continued to provide this visual aid assistance for speakers during their term as president.

Expanded officer positions with more officer assistance and participation. We have a compatriot specifically designated for webmaster duties. We now have a VP for program for obtaining speakers for meetings. We have a

VP responsible for events and other activities outside the chapter.

Representation at the Board of Governors meetings. Our chapter was not usually represented at the SCSSAR meetings. Since 2019 we have been represented at every Board of Governors meeting and have had our members participate as SCSSAR officers.

Participation in the BSA and ROTC recognition programs. Compatriot Carothers has been active with the scouting program for many years and started regular recognitions of Eagle Scouts. Compatriot Witherspoon continues to administer the ROTC recognition program.

Recognition of our compatriots for their service to our country and to the SAR had never been done in the chapter. Since 2019 more than 20-chapter compatriots have been recognized for their service to our country. The first awards have been awarded to our compatriots for service to the chapter.

Establish a newsletter and website - Compatriot Wilson started the chapter website which later lapsed but was reorganized and restarted by Compatriot Herritage. Compatriot Wilson started the chapter newsletter which has been continued by Compatriot Blanpied.

Tarra Springs – First Major Chapter Project

Placing a commemorative marker for the Skirmish at Tarra Springs was a several year project of the chapter. It was started under the Fuller administration. I was approved by the state archives, paid for, and purchased; however, in the Fall of 2018 it was at a stand-still. There

were several major problems. The marker had to be on a break-away pole and it was not made to fit that type pole. It would also be expensive...There was a mistake in the spelling on the marker. There was no committee organized to conduct a ceremony for the installation.

As president, completion of the project was a priority. A decision was made to place the marker at a location that did not require a break-away pole. A solution was found to correct the spelling error. Assistance was requested from the Granby Chapter of the DAR to work with our chapter on the installation ceremony. The project was successful and well attended.

Conclusion:

I had a successful administration as Chapter President due to the outstanding support of my fellow compatriots. A special thanks is due to my friend Bill Wilson and compatriot Keith Maddox. Special support was offered by Terry Gladfelter and the Granby DAR Chapter. The Arehearts were especially helpful along with each of the officers. The chapter went from a few doing a lot to many applying their special skills and efforts in a team approach.

Gary Blanpied

I first contacted Don Simmons and he welcomed me to my first meeting and I sat across from Don Jones who was the Chapter Secretary.

Before I was President I had time to talk to members and guests and get to know them. I got to know Don Jones

and he asked me to become Secretary when he became head of our Militia and played the bugle and fired his weapon as a member of the color guard. I got to know Robert Escue and Keith Maddox before Robert, Keith and Don were all taken from us. During the covid years President Bill Wison used Technology in an attempt to reach members at home as well as at our meetings. I tried to write our minutes so that readers could get the feeling of what our meetings were like because I was proud of what we were doing. Bill Wilson is now a foundational member of the state society after transforming the website, the flow of applications from chapter to registrar to national and now the dues collection. My focus as president and editor of the newsletter is on live meetings with great speakers and encouraging participation in commemorations and youth awards. We lost Don Jones and Fred Sojourner, but got to know many new members. The biggest growth of new members has been under Registrars Woody Carothers, Bill Wilson and Mike Gillis and we now have over 50 members for the first time in our history.

Secretary Jim Herritage produced a transformational bulletin and chapter handbook and templates for both and has been recognized at the state level. In his second year he produced a chapter website and has moved into that role as Chapter VP of Technology. Participants not only use the bulletin to follow along through the program, but also carry them home as a treasure trove of information. All of the officers who served the chapter have helped me and the chapter to become well known in our state. I am now SCSSAR VP for the Midlands and Head of the SC Education Committee.

In the 15 years Godfrey Dreher has never has a President of the SCSSAR. The state by-laws are very restrictive. To be president, you must first be Senior Vice-President. In the spring the following Godfrey Dreher members are eligible to be Senior Vice-President: Dr. Buddy Witherspoon, Woody Carothers, Bill Wilson and Gary Blanpied. Mike Monahan will become President. Stay tuned for the end of the story.