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Newsletter of the Wiregrass Chapter, ALSSAR
Enterprise, AL

"Home of the Boll Weevil Monument"

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DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Wiregrass Chapter will be held **13 December at Po' Folks at 11:30** in Enterprise. Please **note this is a change** from the previously announced date. The change to the second Thursday, was due to the close proximity of the normal meeting date to the Christmas Holidays. This will be the final meeting of the year and will be the election of officers for the year 2002. The nominating committee is preparing a slate of officers and, if asked to serve, please give the request serious consideration. It is hoped as many members as possible can make this important chapter meeting.

A special thanks to Stu Waterman who provided the chapter some extremely interesting background on his patriotic family at the October Meeting and to Rex Everage who gave an excellent presentation of life in the Wiregrass in the early days, and data on patriots buried in Covington County at our November meeting.

What has made the President's job easy this year is that members have been more than willing to say "yes" when asked to help.

CHAPTER MEETING LOCATION

For the past several years, the Wiregrass Chapter has held three meetings a year in Geneva based on the fact we had several members living in the area. However, due to family and personal health reasons some of these members are unable to attend the Geneva meetings. At the September chapter meeting, based on a recommendation from some of the members in Geneva County, the chapter voted to hold only one meeting a year in Geneva. This will probably be the May Chapter meeting. The City of Enterprise has very few places for the chapter to hold a luncheon meeting—if anyone has any ideas on an alternate place to meet other than Po' Boys please let President Wallace (347-0661) know your ideas.

E-Mail Addresses

The use of electronic mail provides a excellent way for the chapter officers to communicate with members. Please take the time to send a message to President Wallace (johnrx@snowhill.com) with your current e-mail address. Unless an individual has an objection, this will be included in the Chapter Roster.

DUES

Unfortunately we still have a few members who have not paid their 2002 chapter, state and national dues. As of the writing of this newsletter, monies have been submitted to the ALSSAR treasurer for 27 members. If you have not done so, please send your check **as soon as possible** for \$45.00 payable to the Wiregrass Chapter to: Dick Kemp, P.O. Box 311093, Enterprise, AL 36361. The Wiregrass Chapter is composed of a solid group of hardworking patriotic gentlemen and we do not want to loose any of them. A roster of 2002 members will be included with the January 2002 newsletter.

SAR LADIES COOKBOOK

The SAR ladies are putting together a national cookbook with the proceeds to go toward the building of the new library in Louisville. While recipes are still being collected, prepublication orders are being accepted. The prepublication cost of the cookbook, *From Patriotic Kitchens*, is \$15.00 until 1/31/2001 after which time the cost of the cookbook will be \$17.00. Enclosed is an order form, which can be completed and sent to Mary Ann Wallace, 200 E. Silver Oak Drive, Enterprise, AL 36330. A great gift for that special lady in your family—don't forget one for your daughters! The Chapter will make a consolidated mailing for the cook books o/a 10 January 2002. The cookbooks will be mailed out in late June/early July 2002.

A special thanks to all the members who contributed to the Patriot's Fund for disaster relief following the September 11th tragedy. A total of \$46.00 has been forwarded to the National Society .

DATES TO REMEMBER

13 December— December meeting, election of officers

17 January, 2002—Installation of new officers by VP General and ALSSAR Trustee Rod Hildreth

22-23 February, 2002—ALSSAR State Convention, Birmingham. Members are encourage to attend, as this provides an excellent opportunity to meet members from around the state.

GEORGE III & PORPHYRIA

While we know George III was the reigning monarch of England at the time of the American Revolution, but how much more do we know about this individual who was the longest reigning king in English history? George III was born June 4, 1738 the son of Fredrick Louis, Prince of Wales. From the start the young prince was not a promising child. He was educated chiefly under the care of his mother, the Princess of Wales and the Earl of Bute, but only just learned to read at 11. His father died of a sudden illness in 1751, leaving George the heir apparent to his grandfather, George II.

George became king when his grandfather died of a stroke on October 25, 1760. In 1761 the young king was married to Charlotte of Mecklenburg - Strelitz. Eventually they had nine sons and six daughters.

During the reign of George III (1760-1820) England developed into a far-reaching empire by colonizing Australia, New Zealand, and India, and conquering Canada and the West Indies. However, this empire also suffered the loss of the American colonies (1776) and the tremors of the French Revolution (1789), and countered Napoleon's threatening advances with the victories at Trafalgar (1805) and Waterloo (1815).

George III suffered from the royal hereditary disease porphyria which had tormented Mary Queen of Scots, who passed it on to her son, King James I of England. It is caused by a chemical insufficiency in the production of hemoglobin. Its symptoms are photosensitivity, strong abdominal pain, port wine-colored urine and paralysis in the arms and legs. The interruption of nerve impulses to the brain causes the development of psychiatric symptoms. Finally, epileptic convulsions occur and the patient sinks into a coma.

George III had a particularly severe form of porphyria. His first attack occurred in 1765, four years after his marriage to Queen Charlotte. Further signs of the disease showed up in 1788-1789. On 5th November, 1788, the king attacked his eldest son and tried to smash his head against the wall. One observer claimed that foam was coming from the king's mouth and his eyes were so bloodshot that they looked like current jelly. George was placed in a straight-jacket and eventually his doctors had a special iron chair made to restrain their patient. Other treatment included putting poultices of Spanish Fly and mustard all over the King's body; the idea was that the painful blisters which resulted would draw out the "evil humours". By April 1789, George's doctors came to the conclusion that he had recovered from his madness and he was allowed to carry on with his royal duties. In 1810 George III's insanity became permanent and his eldest son was appointed regent, and carried out his father's official royal duties until George III's death on 29th January 1820. During his final years, George III became blind and was nursed in isolation, and kept in straight jackets and behind bars in his private apartments at Windsor Castle.

Two sons of George III became king of England: George IV (1820-1830) and William IV (1830 -1837). Since both died without leaving legitimate heirs (William IV had ten children by his mistress), the daughter of George III's fourth son assumed the throne in 1837. This was Queen Victoria who reigned until her death in 1901.

<http://www.cbain.com/cmb/kinge3.html>

<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/exhibits/charlotte/porphyria.html>

<http://www.britannia.com/history/monarchs/mon5.5.html>

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May you and yours each enjoy the blessings of this holiday season, and all the best for a very happy New Year! Please keep in your minds and hearts the families of the victims of the September 11th tragedy, as well as the military personnel and their families who will be separated at this special time of year.