

LIBRARIAN GENERAL REPORTS

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C. Bruce Pickette

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
GENERAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Filing Date: August 29, 2014

OFFICE: Librarian General EVENT: Fall Leadership 2014

INCUMBENT: C. Bruce Pickette

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:

1. Initiated idea and design for Friends of the SAR Library lapel pin. The Chairman, Library and Archives Committee improved upon the concept and re-designed the pin for submission to the Medal and Awards Committee.
2. Submitted revised description of the SAR Library to Handbook Committee.
3. Wrote proposal for the revision of SAR Library donor forms and submitted to the Chairman, Library and Archives Committee. Wrote proposal for the revision of selected (general) donor forms of the Society and submitted to the President General.
4. Compiled accurate record/count of microfilm reels available in the Library. Categories include U.S. Population Schedule (i.e., the "Census") reels, reels for possible de-accession as unsuitable for the collection, reels other than Census for which electronic availability would need to be determined, and, Census reels needed, if necessary, to complete the 1800-1930 Census microfilm collection.
5. Wrote emails of non-acceptance of offer to purchase historical documents and donation of an 1880 postcard.
6. Drafted Friends of the SAR Library membership renewal/donation letter and form. Provided to the Librarian for immediate use.
7. Revised my proposal of July 8 regarding possible alternatives regarding the microfilm and microfiche assets of the Library to account for discussions of the Library and Archives Committee at the 2014 Congress. A revised study was submitted to the Chairman, Library and Archives Committee on August 16. A minor revision was made on August 20 and the final resubmitted to the Chairman.
8. Met with Chairman, Library and Archives Committee on July 30 to review activities and requirements. Travelled with Chairman to Louisville and met for discussions with staff members on August 19 and 20.
9. On the basis of a Committee discussion at the 2014 Congress, proposed a Librarian General Award with criteria. The award and criteria were thought to be too close in nature to the existing national Franklin Flyer Award and was removed from consideration. Additional discussions concluded no suggested changes in criteria for award of the Franklin Flyer Award and Streamer.
10. Wrote to all Society State Presidents and requested they appoint a Library Point of Contact.
11. Conducted research/located a kiosk for use in the lobby of the Library. However, working with staff, together re-initiated a previous Committee approved package for acquisition and installation of a digital monitor.
12. Initiated front window signage change for hours of operation using white vinyl type lettering to allow removal of existing pegboard.
13. In concert with Chairman, Library and Archives Committee, initiated discussions/actions to address the high heat problem on the mezzanine (upper) floor of the Library. Also initiated discussions/actions to address cobwebs found in rear windows and increase UV protection on windows.
14. Requested staff to obtain an estimate for enclosure of the Librarian's office with wall and door. Current "wall" consists of file cabinets and boxes.
15. Working with staff, revised and updated the Mailable Library Brochure, available on NSSAR Forms. Work continues to update the FOL Membership Application tri-fold.
16. Attended meeting of the South Central District on August 22-23 in Irving, TX.
17. Reviewed Library web site and pages and suggested changes.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Bruce Pickette

Subject: SAR Library Update to POCs - Oct 6, 2014

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Compatriot SAR Library Points-of-Contact,

Thank you for agreeing to be the POC for your society. It was not my intention to undercut or undo the network of state chairmen of the FOL that previously existed but I had not observed its functioning and I desired a way to communicate with you as Librarian General. However, naturally, membership in the FOL is an important part of our objectives. If you are no longer the POC, please let me know. Much has transpired regarding the Library and I will try to give you an update of major activities.

We had a very productive Library and Archives Committee meeting at Leadership, under the chairmanship of Compatriot Bill Stone. Chairman Stone laid out a process to evaluate and determine any recommended de-accession of microfilm and appointed a sub-committee to do so, chaired by Compatriot Karl Jacobs. We developed and have a three part promotional package for re-vitalizing the Friends of the SAR Library. This includes an FOL lapel pin for renewing or new SAR FOL members, a revised membership tri-fold, and production of an FOL DVD video. We envision sending the "package" to all chapters. Arrangements are in progress to obtain the lapel pins and new tri-folds.

At the Excom and Library Committee meetings, I presented a few infrastructure related items and updating needs of the Library. These included the need to investigate excessive heat on the upper floor and enclosure of the current Librarian working area in the rear of the Library in order to create an office environment. Subsequently, we are looking at moving his office back into and converting the current storage room area, and re-creating an exhibit area in the working area to house the former George Washington collection. Now, we just need to figure out the right pot of money from which to pay for the conversion/construction!

I am glad to report to you that we have new signage with the hours of operation on the front right window of the Library to replace the old pegboard that was displayed; a photo of it is attached. Actions are also proceeding to acquire and place a digital monitor in the lobby area, an action previously approved by the Library and Archives Committee.

There is much more to report but I do not want to make any of these emails overly long. I will conclude with my admiration and appreciation to our wonderful and extremely helpful staff of Michael and Robin Christian and Rae Ann Sauer. We have a great library but without them, nothing much is going to happen!!

Thank you again for your willingness to act as a point-of-contact. I believe you are a vital part of this Society and I would value your ideas. Please let me know any questions or comments. I think you will like the forthcoming FOL lapel pin!

Fraternally,

Bruce Pickette

Librarian General 2014-2015

P.S. Unsure of what's in the collection? Search it out on the Library catalog....

Attachments

- New Front Window.jpg (2.28MB)

Subject: Update to SAR Library POCs - Nov 12, 2014

From: Bruce Pickette (pickette@att.net)

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Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 12:39 PM

Compatriot SAR Library Points-of-Contact,

There are several items to catch you up on --

1. To my knowledge, as I've intentionally had no direct contact regarding the subject, the sub-committee chaired by Compatriot Karl Jacobs is continuing its evaluation and determination of any recommended de-accession and retention of the Library's microfilm collection. I have located an additional 36 reels of various subjects that were miscataloged as "Book" and by my count, the total of non-Federal Schedule U.S. Census reels in the collection is now 1,928. As a related matter, working with Librarian Michael Christian, we have enumerated the microfilm reels found in the storage area of the Library; my evaluation of these reels is that they do not come into play for the sub-committee's evaluation.
2. The "excessive" heat on the upper floor has been somewhat alleviated by the re-setting of various temperature controls, and the fact that summer has past. We will continue to monitor the situation and report to you.
3. Progress is being made on the parts of the "promotional package" for the Friends of the SAR Library. We have received the a revised membership tri-fold, and are awaiting shipment of the FOL lapel pin. The pin is for renewing (since 1 October) or new SAR FOL members can be picked up at the Library or will be available for pickup at Leadership and Congress meetings by members or state representatives. We gotten a start on a script for the planned Library/FOL DVD video.
4. The specifications for the digital monitor to be placed in the lobby of the Library have been finalized and procurement is in progress. My thanks to the NSSAR staff for pursuing this.
5. I've had several exchanges with SAR Foundation President Sam Powell and we've reached a tentative understanding regarding the rear area of the Library. As I previously reported, this includes moving the Librarian's office back into the current storage room area, and creating an exhibit area for the George Washington collection in his current working area. Unfortunately, this means we may only have limited storage area left and de-accession of some of the printed material that is currently in it could be necessary. We are in the process of gathering cost estimates.

6. At the Library and Archives Committee meeting during Fall Leadership, it was commented that the lighting in the Library should be LED because florescent and incandescent lighting emits UV rays, damaging to materials in the collection. We have begun to look into that situation and eventually need to convert.
7. A minor facility updating need involves the five Ancestor (Patriot) index card file cabinets. They need refurbishment and estimates for electrostatic painting, allowing painting in place, are being obtained. Mike Scroggins has suggested a project, previously suggested to the Genealogy Department, that the related cards associated with a Patriot (as cards were issued for each member who joined the SAR) be recorded on the back of the first card and the others removed. This would allow us to reduce the number of cards in the files and thus reduce the number of cabinets. For your information, we would not be losing any information; the index cards were used for the Patriot Index on CD and the Patriots are also found on the Patriot Search feature on the website. Volunteers are needed for this project as well as to finish the ongoing bar coding project. If you're looking to earn the Lafayette medal, here are two great opportunities!
8. Assistant Librarian/Archivist Rae Ann Sauer has completed the project of scanning/digitizing the collection of over 800 loose paper family files and miscellaneous genealogical information. We will be reviewing the files for privacy concerns before making them available on the member log-in side of the national website.
9. As appropriate, I will be announcing recognition for donors to the Library at the SAR 1000 breakfasts or luncheons at Leadership and Congress. The donations involved are for those above the \$25 FOL membership and can be seen in the attached.
10. If you're in Louisville on Saturday, November 15, stop by the Library at 10am to hear a presentation about the history of a Louisville landmark, Cave Hill Cemetery.

Thanks again for all you do on behalf of our Society and the SAR Genealogical Research Library. Please help spread the word about our great facility!

Please let me know any questions or concerns you have about the Library.

Fraternally,
Bruce Pickette
Librarian General 2014-2015

Attachments

- FOL Membership TriFold.pdf (742.88KB)

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GENERAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Filing Date: February 2, 2015

OFFICE: Librarian General EVENT: Spring Leadership 2015

INCUMBENT: C. Bruce Pickette

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:

1. Completed gathering of names for Library POCs. Sent updates to them on October 6 and November 12. Sent appeal to them and State Presidents on December 24 for members to join the FOL.
2. Continued to work with the staff regarding the digital monitor for the lobby. Procurement and installation of the monitor is in progress.
3. A multi-year option for "ITSMARC, a portion of our cataloging system, was declined and was annually renewed in December at a cost of \$1,495. This and other similar costs are part of the SAR general budget, not the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund.
4. Drafted partial script to be used for Friends of the Library (FOL) DVD.
5. Completed FOL Membership Application tri-fold and arranged production. Revised description of the application on NSSAR Forms; description and application placed on website.
6. Revised description of Friends of the Library on the Library website. Description included link to FOL application.
7. Wrote proposal for change in criteria for Franklin Flyer award to award 4 categories instead of 2 based on size of State Societies. Chairman Stone sent proposal via email to the Committee but deferred approval to the Go-To-Meeting conference of the Committee scheduled for February 10.
8. Identified microfilm reels incorrectly noted as "Book" in the catalog; record was changed and listings for the microfilm study updated for title and number. The total of non-Federal Schedule U.S. Census reels in the collection is now 1,928.
9. Enumerated microfilm reels found in the storage area of the Library and basement of building, suggesting disposition and rearrangement. These reels do not come into play for the Microfilm sub-committee's evaluation of microfilm holdings. Archivist changed those on metal reels to plastic reels.
10. Began discussion of a potential (volunteer) project to consolidate Patriot Index cards with the purpose of reducing the number of file cabinets currently positioned on the floor of the Library. I also arranged for an estimate for painting of the cabinets. However, the project was removed from consideration when it became clear that the cards were potentially still needed and that the cabinets were, in any event, to be removed from the floor.
11. Requested removal of the plastic cash collection box located on floor of the Library. Box removed.
12. Could not attend annual NSSAR volunteer luncheon and prepared a letter thanking Library volunteers. The letter was read by the PG to the volunteers and a copy given to each.
13. Assistant Librarian/Archivist Rae Ann Sauer completed the project of scanning/digitizing the collection of about 850 loose paper family files and miscellaneous genealogical information. Compatriot Stevenson of the ALSSAR, Ms. Sauer and I are reviewing and correcting the scans using purchased "Paper Port" software. Worked with Compatriot Marrs of the IT Committee to understand requirements for placing the files on the national website.
14. Travelled to Louisville on December 16 and 17 to met for discussions with staff members and perform library project work. Several subsequent actions came out of my visit. Also participated in meeting held by NSSAR Project Manager Nathan White with architect and contractor. Discussion included known HVAC and electrical power issues related to the excessive high heat problem on the upper floor of the Library.
15. Further researched the possibility of using the Librarian's present working area for the George Washington collection and concluded this was not feasible. The meeting with the Project Manager on December 17 included SAR Foundation President Sam Powell. A re-understanding among all parties with reached regarding the rear area of the Library and the parties involved will be consulted about the possibility of joint designation of the present room housing the Craik artifact. A cost estimate of \$36,000 was later obtained

for the enclosure of the rear area, to include removal of the wooden temporary outside steps. The Excom has recommended the work be funded out of the Millet Fund.

16. Working with staff, researched and requested replacement of the patron computers. These desktops are currently working on the Microsoft XP operating system. Chairman Stone did additional research. The issue was to be addressed in the Go-To-Meeting of the committee scheduled for February 10.
17. Obtained Library lighting specifications and lighting plans and provided to Chairman and Vice Chairs. The specifications and plans can be used by a sub-committee for a "Environment Assets Plan." This is in support of the agenda item at the Fall 2015 Committee regarding lighting in the Library should be LED.
18. Reviewed the issue / possibility of adding additional lockers in the library foyer. Determined there should be no intent to pursue the lockers and consider the subject concluded.
19. Declined offer of demitasse cup and saucer with NSSAR insignia for the collection.
20. Agreed with a Compatriot's offer of an original Certificate of Membership for a Michigan Society member from the first Congress; to be placed in Archives.
21. Approved loan of two books to Solid Light for their planning purposes.
22. Prepared draft Archives Retention guidelines currently being reviewed by Asst Librarian/Archivist Sauer.
23. Agreed with acceptance of a "Lunar Bible" for temporary display arranged by Compatriot Powell. Drafted form to be used for loan of artifact or material to the Library. Costs associated with this exhibit were to be addressed in the February Go-To-Meeting.
24. Drafted Library Strategic Plan and requested adoption by the Library & Archives Committee.
25. Obtained list of donors for those contributing \$25 and above in order to recognize them at Spring Leadership SAR 1000 breakfast. Prepared handout for recognition.
26. Prepared draft of Library Special Purpose Fund Budget estimates for Chairman.
27. Prepared budget estimate as Librarian General for use of Millet fund for enclosure of rear area of Library.
28. Sent email to Library POCs and State Presidents requesting volunteers for barcode scanning of books.
29. Drafted notice for NSSAR News and Library News about the FOL promotional program.
30. Attended meetings of the Georgia Society on January 23-24 in Duluth, GA.
31. Sent email to Library and Archives Committee members providing background of request for replacement of the patron computers.
32. Worked with Compatriot Marrs of the IT Committee to prominently display "Library," with link to the Library, on front page of the SAR.org website.
33. The NSSAR staff is continuing its efforts for installation of the digital monitor in the lobby of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Bruce Pickette

Subject: Fw: Update to Library POCs - February 17, 2015

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Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:55 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:45 PM

Subject: Fw: Update to Library POCs - February 17, 2015

Compatriot State Presidents,
For your information.
Please let me know of any changes in position as State President.
Thank you,

C. Bruce Pickette
 Librarian General, 2014-2015

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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:42 PM

Subject: Update to Library POCs - February 17, 2015

Compatriot SAR Library Points-of-Contact,

My last update to you was on November 12th.

1. The Library and Archives Committee received the report of its sub-committee regarding the Library's microfilm collection and conducted a Go-To-Meeting phone conference on February 10th to discuss it and a few other subjects. The Committee voted to retain the approximately 12,346 microfilm reels of U.S. Population Census Schedule. The sub-committee did not address any storage issue associated with such retention, while in the committee discussions it was noted any storage issue would be addressed at a later time. The Committee voted to de-access (i.e., remove) 636 microfilm that were not needed or did not fit the Library collection policy. The Committee also noted the sub-committee's recommendation that efforts be pursued to obtain some 2744 "missing" Census reels which are not presently in the Library holdings. The total cost of these reels would be \$343,000. The sub-committee stated its belief that with the purchase to these "missing" reels, then the Library "can be considered a 'full' repository as was originally intended." The subcommittee and committee made no recommendations regarding another 1,928 other microfilm reels in the Library's collection. The Chairman has submitted a Committee report that will go to the Trustees for further discussion at the upcoming Leadership meeting. You may consider alerting your Trustee to such a discussion. As a related matter, working with Librarian Michael Christian, he and I and Assistant Librarian Rae Ann Sauer enumerated the microfilm reels found in the storage area of the Library; these reels did not come into play for the sub-committee's evaluation and are not counted among the 14,910 total reels noted above.

2. The Committee also agreed with my recommendation to change the criteria for the Franklin Flyer Award to award to four state size categories (similar to PG's Cup and Americanism). With the approval of the Medals and Awards Committee, this change should be in place in time for the Louisville Congress.
3. The Committee also agreed to the purchase of four "patron" computers in the Library, replacing outdated computers located on the floor of the Library. The funding source for these computers is to be determined.
4. After a meeting with those concerned, the tentative plan regarding the rear area of the Library that I originally developed with SAR Foundation President Sam Powell was modified. A cost estimate of \$36,000 has since been received to remove the wooden staircase off the back of the building and enclose the current open area by replacing the rear door (to wooden stairs) with wall/window and completing/continuing the wall along the front side. The Executive Committee has already discussed this cost; I will be presenting it to the Trustees for their approval for use of "Millett" Fund money for the project. Again, you may consider alerting your Trustee to such a request.
5. In the last update, I reported progress had been made on the "promotional package" for the Friends of the SAR Library; I later sent an email in December telling you both the revised membership tri-fold and FOL lapel pin were available. The pin is for renewing (since 1 October) or new SAR FOL members (since 1 October) and can be picked up at the Library or will be available for pickup at Leadership and Congress meetings by members or state representatives. I hope you will send in your membership or renewal soon. The FOL application (and depiction of the lapel pin) is on NSSAR Forms on the website. The Chairman of the Library and Archives Committee hopes to have sufficient volunteers to staff a table at the Brown Hotel for membership signup and pin distribution.
6. After further exchanges, it was determined that the Patriot Index Cards contained in five cabinets located on the floor of the Library should not be consolidated/reduced as a possible need for them still exists. Therefore, the file cabinets holding the cards will not be refurbished and are to be moved to the basement area.
7. The "Library" is now prominently displayed in the blue major headings on the SAR website.
8. For your information, attached is my report I submitted for the upcoming Leadership meeting. It was submitted on February 2th.

Please let me know your questions.

Fraternally,
Bruce Pickette
Librarian General, 2014-2015

Attachments

- LG Report - Spring Leadership 2015 2 Feb 2015.pdf (307.75KB)

Subject: Library Update to POCs - May 20, 2015

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Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 7:29 AM

Compatriot SAR Library Points-of-Contact,

My last update to you was on February 17th.

1. Big news that will help for inventory/catalog and security purposes! The finish line was crossed with the barcode scanning project!! Appreciation goes to awesome volunteers and all the staff that helped to get this project completed. Special thanks to Rae Ann Sauer who led the project.
2. In accordance with the earlier Library and Archives Committee decision, 636 microfilm that were not needed or did not fit the Library collection policy have been removed from the collection. 620 of these are "Soundex" microfilm. If an institution in your state desires these rolls, please let me know. The remaining 16 reels are: Ottawa City Directories (9 reels), originally donated by the Starved Rock Library System of Ottawa, Illinois; a "Lake City Graphic" reel donated by an individual from Minnesota; and, 6 Civil War related reels from an individual in Louisville. The Library POCs or Presidents of Illinois, Minnesota, and Kentucky may contact me to obtain these reels otherwise the reels will be properly disposed.
3. Four new user computers for the Library were purchased and are awaiting installation. This includes new monitors made possible by a donation from Compatriot PZ Horton of the Tennessee Society.
4. A new front window sign reflecting the Library's revised hours (as of January 1) was recently placed. The Library is open M-F from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and the third Saturday of each month. It is closed the preceding Monday when open on following Saturday.

5. At the Spring Leadership meeting, the Trustees agreed to remove the wooden staircase off the back of the building, and enclose the current open rear area of the Library by replacing the rear door (to wooden stairs) with wall/window and by completing/continuing the wall along the front, inside the Library. Continuing the wall will provide actual office space for the Library staff. Work on the "Rear Area Construction" project is to begin shortly and scheduled to be completed by Congress.
6. As I reported earlier, the file cabinets holding the old Patriot Index cards located on the floor of the Library are to be moved to the basement area. This work should be accomplished before Congress.
7. My appreciation to Director of Merchandise Susan Griffin who initiated the idea that Merchandise would celebrate National Library Week (April 12-18, 2015) by offering a 10% discount on all items purchased April 3 - April 19 by members of the SAR Friends of the Library. Membership in the Friends is \$25 a year and the application may be found under "NSSAR Forms." Joining the FOL is one of the best ways to show your support for the Library.
8. The "Family Histories" project is nearing completion. This is a collection of almost 850 surname files and miscellaneous genealogical information donated by patrons/members over many years. Many include family association newsletters. All have been scanned and we continue the process of "cleaning-up" the scans. They are to be made available online through the Library website. This will be a great addition to the collection -- lots and lots of interesting and hard to obtain information!
9. The Library's space continues to be used for presentations offered to the general public. The latest one was "Avoiding Potholes on the Road to Genealogical Discoveries," presented recently by Elaine Kuhn.
10. Remember, individuals, chapters, or states can also simply donate to either the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund (SPOF) or the Library Endowment Fund; non-designated donations go to the Library SPOF. We have at least two state societies that have donated \$300 to the Library this year, primarily so that books may be added to the state's collection in the Library. It helps Library Director Michael Christian if you suggest books, etc., that would be suitable for your state's collection. Check the catalog online to make sure the Library doesn't already have the book in the collection.

Please let me know your questions or if I should no longer list you as your state's Library POC or FOL State Chairman. You are welcome to distribute this message to Society members.

If you going to the Louisville Congress, I look forward to seeing you there! Review your personal collection for that special book you could donate during the meeting.

Fraternally,
Bruce Pickette
Librarian General, 2014-2015

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
GENERAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Filing Date: June 3, 2015

OFFICE: Librarian General EVENT: Congress 2015

INCUMBENT: C. Bruce Pickette

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:

1. The Library Strategic Plan that I advocated and drafted was adopted by the Library & Archives Committee at the Spring Leadership meeting. If you would like a copy of this plan, please email me.
2. I sent email updates regarding Library activities to the Library POCs and State Presidents on February 17 and May 20.
3. Welcome to the newest members of the Library & Archives Committee, Compatriots Tony Vets of the Louisiana SAR and Thomas Brown of the Colorado SAR.
4. The barcode scanning project was completed in May. This was a long term project completed by volunteers and several members of the staff.
5. A new front window sign reflecting the Library's revised hours (as of January 1) was purchased and put in place. The Library is open M-F from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and the third Saturday of each month. It is closed the preceding Monday when open on following Saturday.
6. Installation of the digital monitor in the Library lobby was completed immediately prior to the Spring Leadership meeting in early March. At the request of Colleen Wilson, Education Director, I recently suggested ideas for display during the upcoming Louisville Congress.
7. The four new commercial grade computers for the Library were purchased and installed in May. New monitors made possible by a donation from Compatriot PZ Horton of the Tennessee Society. Many thanks to Mike Scroggins and Jesse Hagan of the staff for the installation.
8. Worked with the Executive Director to ensure the Patriot Index Cards contained in five cabinets located on the floor of the Library will be moved to the basement area prior to Congress.
9. Updated an earlier PowerPoint presentation about the Library that had been prepared by Rae Ann Sauer; provided the updated version to Library staff. Presented it to the General Richard Montgomery and Cheaha chapters of the Alabama SAR. Installed Cheaha Chapter officers.
10. The partially completed script to be used for Friends of the Library (FOL) DVD remains partially completed as of the date of this report.
11. Participated in the Go-To-Meeting telephone conference of the Library Committee on February 10 and attended Spring Leadership meeting on May 5 – 7.
12. Drafted "Archives Retention Guidelines" which were reviewed by Rae Ann Sauer, Assistant Director, SAR Center. I submitted the guidelines to Chairman Stone of the Library & Archives Committee for committee review and policy adoption.
13. In accordance with the earlier Library & Archives Committee decision, 636 microfilm rolls that were not needed or did not fit the Library collection policy have been removed from the collection.
14. The change in criteria that I had proposed for the Franklin Flyer award to award 4 categories instead of 2 based on size of State Societies was approved during the Go-To-Meeting conference of the Library & Archives Committee on February 10. Notified Mike Scroggins, Operations Director, of the winning states; they will be recognized and streamer awarded at Congress.
15. Using "Paper Port" software, Assistant Director, SAR Center, Rae Ann Sauer and I continue to review and "clean-up" the scans of approximately 850 loose paper family files and miscellaneous genealogical information donated to the Library over many years. There are many thousands of pages and many include family association newsletters. They are to be made available online through the Library website.
16. The Library's subscription to Fold3 was recently due for renewal through the distributor, EBSCO. The company informed the Library Director that access to Fold3 would include Fold3 and the "MyHeritage Library Edition" until this time next year for what we paid for Fold3 alone last year (\$1415.00). However,

after that time, Fold3 could no longer be obtained from EBSCO. We contacted ProQuest, with whom I had maintained contact for the past year, and learned it would be the new provider of Fold3 as of 1 June this year. A quote of \$550 was given and the purchase order was placed with ProQuest for Fold3 in the Library. Savings=\$865.

17. At the Spring Leadership meeting, the Trustees voted the funding of \$36,000 (to be paid by 1/3 Millet Fund, 1/3 Foundation, and 1/3 Building & Outreach) to remove the wooden staircase off the back of the building, and enclose the current open rear area of the Library by replacing the rear door (leading to the wooden stairs) with a wall and window and by continuing the wall along the front open area, inside the Library. There will also be a "pocket" door installed between the two offices (the existing lockable room is currently used for storage). We term this project the "Rear Area Construction." Continuing the inside wall will provide a true, professional office space for the Library Director and prepares the area for other future office needs. This work is scheduled to be completed by Congress. My thanks to the Executive Committee for its later insistence that this planned project proceed as the membership approved.
18. The preparation of an "Environment Assets Plan" by a sub-committee, addressing the areas of climate, security, and lighting, was discussed during the Library & Archives Committee meeting at Spring Leadership. This was later deemed too broad in scope to properly address and I advised Chairman Stone that I would prepare a discussion paper addressing only the lighting needs of the Library. A switchover from florescent to LED is needed for energy savings and to help reduce heat in the Library. I have provided that paper to leadership and have begun to identify the sources of funds to pay for these needed lighting changes. An updated cost estimate is required and being obtained.
19. The Library staff and I are beginning to evaluate additional databases for the Library. The current databases are Ancestry, Fold3, Heritage Quest, and the New England Genealogical and Historical Society (NEGHS). The additional databases are available through either ProQuest or Gale. Further, I hope that resources will permit us to offer databases external to the Library so that all members may be able to access them from their home. We will need to obtain price quotes for both internal and external access to all databases. The next "step" for us to take as your Library is to make key genealogical and Revolution related electronic books, or "e-books," available to you. I envision the next "step" beyond that is the digitization of material the Library possesses and to also make it available "outside" the Library.
20. In my May 20th email update to the Library POCs, I reminded them that individuals, chapters, or states can donate to either the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund (SPOF) or the Library Endowment Fund, with any non-designated donations going to the Library SPOF. We have at least two state societies and two individuals that have donated at least \$300 to the Library this year. It helps Librarian Michael Christian if you suggest books, etc., that would be suitable for your state's collection. Check the catalog online to make sure the Library doesn't already have the book in the collection.



I want to express my sincere appreciation to Assistant Librarian Robin Christian for her untiring work in administering the Friends of the Library program. We are closing in on 400 members; will you be one in support of the Library? We still have much to accomplish! Sign up while at Congress and she'll give you the FOL Lapel Pin!

When you visit the Library, please be sure to thank Robin, Library Director Michael Christian, and Assistant Director of the SAR Center, Rae Ann Sauer, for all they do for us on a daily basis. If you're stuck on a genealogy or family history question --- ask them!

Respectfully submitted,
C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General, 2014-2015
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Subject: SAR Friends of the Library

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Date: Thursday, August 20, 2015 9:00 PM

Compatriots,

Attached for your information is the current Friends of the Library membership status report as of July. A little over a year ago participation was less than 300 members. We now have almost 450 FOL members. The result represents a substantial increase over last year's total participation but we can do much more! The 450 FOL figure represents only 1.5% participation of the total national membership. Realistically, our National Library needs a minimum of 5% membership participation growth to maintain current services and a 10% membership participation growth to substantially allow our library to professionally expand its operations and membership services for future years of quality service to our national society.

FOL member yearly dues are critical to supporting our library on a short and long time basis. These dues are received and divided into both the Library's Endowment Fund and Operating (Checking) Account, with endowment earnings from the corpus annually moved into the Operating Account. Other donations from members for other Library recognition programs go into either the endowment or operating accounts. These monies are used to purchase non-budgeted items or desired items outside of personnel costs, subscription costs, administrative costs, etc., and could include such items as furnishings, supplies, e-books, book and microfilm scanners and other new technology to further digitize the collection, in addition to books, manuscripts and microforms.

Please take a close look at your state membership involvement in the Friends of the Library. Many states have very few FOL members. This fact needs to change. If our SAR National Library is to continue to evolve into a first-class and acclaimed repository of lineage resources and literary artifacts then we must have the necessary support from our membership! Please pass the word among to all your state members.

Help us by joining the FOL as a yearly contributor for just \$25.00 or make a generous donation to the Library. Individuals, chapters and state societies can also become "Benjamin Franklin Subscribers" for gifts of \$300 or more which help fund larger projects. Your help and support is a valuable commodity in promotion and development and very critical to our continued success!

The FOL membership application is also attached for you to pass along. We are now sending the FOL Lapel Pin out to all members as they join.

Thank you for your continued involvement and I appreciate your hard work in promoting the Friends of the Library Program for our National Library.

I will update you on our progress very soon!

Fraternally,
C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

Attachments

- FOL Membership TriFold.pdf (742.88KB)
- FriendsJuly15.pdf (5.84KB)

Subject: SAR Library Update to POCs - August 23, 2015

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Date: Sunday, August 23, 2015 4:54 PM

Compatriot SAR Library POCs and State FOL Chairmen,

1. The build-out of the rear area of the Library establishing an office area with door for the Librarian was completed in August.
2. My thanks to the Executive Director who ensured the five cabinets containing the old Patriot Index Cards were removed from the Library. The Library has a much "cleaner" look to it.
3. An "SAR Library Sons of the American Revolution" Facebook page has been established. Be sure and "Like" the page. You are welcome to post information or queries related to the Library or genealogical research.
4. I have contacted entities such as Family Search and Google Books to determine if we can partner with them for digital conversion purposes, primarily of our Archives. Alternatively, we are looking at digital scanning equipment to purchase and/or at the costs of out-sourcing digitization.
5. There is a security camera reset and software issue for the cameras in the Library and we are working with the staff to resolve the problem.
6. Budget estimates for 2016 were recently submitted. These included publicity (if required), flag sets, committee expenses, library security camera software update, replacement or repair (if required), and replacement of the small copier on the Mezzanine level. Several copiers have been evaluated. The copier cost may end up being paid from funds other than Library accounts.
7. I completed the script for the DVD that is part of the FOL Promotional Package. We are now looking at businesses and schools to determine production of the DVD. The video will go to all chapters and will be posted on the social media sites.

8. I reviewed the bookshelf signage with the Librarian and have determined that no changes will be made at this time. Signage, although "flat" on the bookshelves, is in place on all major categories.
9. Comments have been received that our holdings should be available on "WorldCat" so that members and others can see/determine if our Library holds the desired material. This is still being looked into but would entail a subscription to WorldCat Discovery Services and to their cataloging system. The cost may be prohibitive.
10. Contacting several library companies and organizations, I obtained information related to our existing in-house databases (Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Fold3, and AmericanAncestors.org (the New England Genealogical and Historical Society (NEGHS)) and four other potential ones to which we might subscribe. Those included Historic Map Works, Newspapers.com, through Gale/Cengage, Genealogy Connect (a "Colonial and Revolutionary War" database) and Sources in American History: The American Revolution. This was from the standpoint of remote access. I learned "extending" our current databases and Historic Map Works for member access outside the Library was either not allowed or not available, and that no institutional subscription was available for Newspapers.com. However, recent discounts have been offered by Gale/Cengage for the purchase of the Genealogy Connect and "Sources" databases with remote access by members. I will be presenting the costs to the Library & Archives Committee.
11. Rae Ann Sauer of the staff, Membership Chairman Walter Stevenson and I continue to review and "clean-up" the scans of approximately 850 loose paper family files (i.e., "old vertical files") donated to the Library. The first run-through of those files is almost complete. They are to be made available online through the Library website.
12. There has been much activity and discussions related to switching over from florescent to LED in the Library both for energy savings and to help reduce heat in the Library. The staff is continuing to contact lighting contractors to determine the best way to make the changeover and to obtain costs.
13. We have ensured that all issues of *The SAR Colorguardsman* and *the SAR Veteran's Bugle* newsletters have been digitally saved on the headquarters server for archival purposes.

Please let me know any questions you may have.

In service,
C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

Subject: SAR Library Update

From: Bruce Pickette (pickette@att.net)

To: SAR-Officer-L@rootsweb.com;

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2015 4:28 PM

Compatriots,

Here are some items related to the SAR Library:

While attending the South Central District meeting in Little Rock, AR, this past weekend, a compatriot asked me if we have an online catalog of our library collection. Indeed we do! Go to your browser and type in "library.sar.org." This will take you to the SAR Library web page. Click on "Catalog" at the top of this page. (Another navigation route is to go to the SAR.org page, then go to the Library by clicking on "Library" in the large blue strip, or, as a second choice, click on "NSSAR Library" in the pull-down menu under the "About Us" tab.) You can then "Search" for the item or subjects that you wish to find. As you know, the library is a non-lending facility, but Librarian Michael Christian will be glad to assist you further. Call him at 502-588-6138.

If you, your chapter or state society wish to donate a family history, or a genealogy or RW related book, be sure and check the catalog first to see if the library already has a copy.

Several compatriots have asked about us being on "WorldCat," which would allow anyone, members or non-members, to determine if we have a selection in our library. What one reads is "Check Worldcat for a library near you that has it." Unfortunately, it appears that we may not be able to offer such capability. This is because our catalog is not directly compatible. We would have to subscribe to a couple of "WorldCat" resources and the cost is prohibitive.

If you're into Facebook, be sure and "LIKE" the Library's new Facebook page "SAR Library Sons of the American Revolution." While you're at it, also join the group "Sons of the American Revolution" also found on Facebook.

Fraternally,
C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
GENERAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Filing Date: September 9, 2015

OFFICE: Librarian General EVENT: Fall Leadership 2015
INCUMBENT: C. Bruce Pickette

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:

1. The "Rear Area Construction" in the Library was completed in August. There is now actual office space for the Library Director.
2. I also sent my report for Congress to the Committee members on June 2 and an email update regarding Library activities to the Library POCs and Library & Archives Committee members on August 23. I also sent a message on SAR-Officer explaining how to find the online Library catalog.
3. An "SAR Library Sons of the American Revolution" Facebook page has been established. Be sure and "Like" the page. You are welcome to post information or queries related to the Library or genealogical research.
4. I participated in the meeting of the Library & Archives Committee on June 30 and a Go-To-Meeting conference by the Crowley Company on August 26. The Crowley Company representative demonstrated the "Zeta" book scanner to the staff, myself, and others.
5. The "Archives Retention Guidelines" that I submitted to Chairman Stone of the Library & Archives Committee for committee review and policy adoption will be considered at Fall Leadership.
6. Rae Ann Sauer, Walter Stevenson and I continue to review and "clean-up" the scans of approximately 850 "family files." We hope to have the initial run-through completed by Leadership.
7. There is a security camera reset and software issue for the cameras in the Library and we are working with the staff to resolve the problem.
8. A new copier was obtained as a replacement for one on the Mezzanine floor of the Library.
9. I reviewed the bookshelf signage with the Librarian and have determined that no changes will be made at this time. Signage, although "flat" on the bookshelves, is in place on all major categories.
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11. Contacting several library companies and organizations, I obtained information related to our existing in-house databases and four other potential ones to which we might subscribe. I learned "extending" our current databases and one of the potential ones for member access outside the Library was either not allowed or not available, or that no institutional subscription was available. However, recent discounts have been offered by Gale/Cengage for the purchase of two RW-related databases with remote access by members. I will be presenting the costs to the Library & Archives Committee.
12. Budget estimates for 2016 were recently submitted. These included publicity (if required), flag sets, committee expenses, and library security camera software update, replacement or repair (if required). Additional estimates may be submitted after Leadership, upon approval by the Library & Archives Committee of the discounted databases. The copier was paid for out of PP&E funds.
13. There has been much activity and discussions related to switching over from florescent to LED in the Library both for energy savings and to help reduce heat in the Library. The staff is continuing to contact lighting contractors to determine the best way to make the changeover and to obtain costs.
14. I completed the script for the DVD that is part of the FOL Promotional Package. We are now looking at businesses to determine production of the DVD and are scheduled to meet with a local company soon.
15. We have ensured that all issues of The SAR Colorguardsman and the SAR Veteran's Bugle newsletters have been digitally saved on the headquarters server for archival purposes.
16. The Finance Director, Mary Butts, is looking into the transfer of the annual earnings of Millett Fund into the Library checking account.

17. As members of the Main Street Association in Louisville we were offered a deep discounted ad in the Louisville Magazine in celebration of the Association's 40th anniversary. The Association is co-hosting the magazine's October issue as a way to promote businesses along Main Street. An advertisement for the Library was designed and submitted.
18. The American Association of State & Local History will be conducting their annual meeting in Louisville between September 16 – 19. AASLH members are an excellent cross section of professionals from across the cultural field. We will offer free admission to the Library to the attendees during the conference and the information regarding the Library will be included in member materials.
19. Heating and cooling issues continue to await modular utility installation in the new building.
20. Attended the meeting of the South Central District on August 28-29.

Respectfully submitted,
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Finding and Searching the SAR Genealogical Research Library Online Catalog

Go to your browser and type in "library.sar.org." This will take you to the SAR Library web page. Click on "Catalog" at the top of this page. Another route is to go to the SAR.org page, then go to the Library by clicking on "Library" in the large blue strip. You can then "Search" for the item or subjects that you wish to find. If you have questions, call Librarian Michael Christian at 502-588-6138. If you, your chapter or state society wish to donate a family history, or a genealogy or RW related book, be sure and check the catalog first to see if the library already has a copy.

LIBRARIAN GENERAL REPORT

October 14, 2015

At its meeting at Congress, the Library and Archives Committee agreed with my recommendation to purchase two genealogy and Revolutionary War related databases that can be accessed from anywhere outside the Library. One database contains 189 electronic books ("e-books") and the other contains approximately 500 primary documents. Subsequent to Congress, in conjunction with Chairman Bill Stone, I prepared the Library Fund budget estimates. With submission of the estimates, we requested PG Lawrence for expeditious approval of the databases purchase to take advantage of a discount offered by the provider. PG Lawrence approved the purchase and we will obtain the databases soon. We are also completing the correction of approximately 30,000 scanned pages of some 850 loose paper family files and miscellaneous genealogical information donated to the Library over many years. Both the databases and the Family History files are to be made available online of the Member login side of the SAR website.

The "SAR Library Sons of the American Revolution" Facebook page now has approximately 400 "Likes." Many of our postings are related to online genealogical resources and you are also welcome to post information or queries related to the Library.

Your membership in the Friends of the Library (FOL) and financial support at any level to the Library Endowment (the investment side of the Library Special Purpose Fund) is critical in funding the non-general SAR budget needs of the Library. Non-designated donations go to the Library SPOF. We've grown from 300 to 450 members but this still comprises only a very small percentage of our overall membership. Find the FOL Membership form under NSSAR Forms on the SAR.org website. Please join --- we still have 14 societies with no FOL members!! You can make the difference in these numbers!

Fraternally,
C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

PG COMMUNIQUE #5

Subject: Two New Databases Available to SAR Members

From: Bruce Pickette (pickette@att.net)

To: pickette@att.net;

Cc: bstonealsar@gmail.com; mchristi@sar.org; rsauer@sar.org; rchristi@sar.org;

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 9:19 AM

Compatriots Library POCs and State FOL Chairmen,

I'm happy to announce that the two genealogy and Revolutionary War related databases that I have previously reported to you are now available. They can be accessed by SAR members from anywhere.

The "Gale Genealogy Connect" is an e-Book collection of 189 titles of online genealogical research how-to materials and original sources. The "Sources in American History Online (SUSHO): The American Revolution" database contains nearly 500 significant primary source documents exploring the American Revolution featuring personal accounts, maps, pamphlets, monographs, Congresses, speeches, and material detailing the European point of view.

To access these databases, Login on the sar.org site, then go to the Library site. You will see a block under the Library Navigation section on the left hand column entitled "Library Databases." The two databases are listed directly below. Again, to see/access the database links, you must be logged into sar.org.

Kindly pass the word that these resources are now available. Happy Researching!

Fraternally,

C. Bruce Pickette, Librarian General

P.S. If your status as the Library POC or FOL chair for your society has changed, please let me know.

Subject: [SAR-OFFICER] Databases Now Available on SAR Library Website for SAR Members

From: Bruce Pickette via (sar-officer@rootsweb.com)

To: sar-officer-l@rootsweb.com;

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 9:24 PM

SARGENEALOGICAL RESEARCH LIBRARY BEGINS OUTREACH SERVICES TO ENTIRE GENERALMEMBERSHIP

SAR Members,

After many years of development through Friends of the SAR Library and other monetary sources of funding, our national SAR Genealogical Research Library in downtown Louisville is pleased to announce its ability to begin providing membership access services across the country to the entire membership. This member outreach service has been launched with the recent purchase and ownership of two genealogical and Revolutionary War databases that can be accessed by SAR members anywhere and at anytime.

The "Gale Genealogy Connect" database is a first quality e-Book collection consisting of 189 individual titles of on-line genealogical research on how-to materials and original sources and the "Sources in American History On-Line: The American Revolution" database contains nearly five hundred primary source documents exploring the American Revolution and featuring personal accounts, maps, pamphlets, monographs, etc.

Many quality in-house library databases have been available for members visiting our library for quite some time but it has been the goal of our library staff, the national library committee and myself, as your Librarian General, to make a major and concentrated effort to step up membership services in a new direction by providing comprehensive service to all chapter and state society members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Additionally, our library staff and volunteers have been painstakingly digitally reconstructing our "Family History Files" housed in our facility comprising 850 individual family files of approximately 20,000 pages of written documentation and family information. Once our cleanup of the digital files is completed in the near future, the Family Files database will also be launched and made available for outreach membership access.

To access the two new databases from the comfort of your home location, simply log in on the sar.org website and then go to the library site. You will see a block under the "Library Navigation" section on the left hand column titled "Library Databases." The two new database links are listed below. Again, to see/access the database links, you must be logged into sar.org.

I would like to extend my thanks to members for voicing their needs and suggestions and thank all those volunteers who have worked so hard to bring this new outreach program to the forefront for our entire membership. We hope many will begin to fully comprehend the value of our library and take ownership by extending your financial support so we may continue to improve our facility services to each of you!

Fraternally,

C. Bruce Pickette, Librarian General

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SAR Genealogical Research Library Update – November 2015

Member demand answered! The Library now offers two new databases to Members offsite; i.e., you do not have to be in Louisville to access them! One is an e-book collection of 189 titles and the other contains some 500 significant primary source documents. You can find them on the Library website, after logging into SAR.org. Be sure and check them out to see if they will help you with your research.

In mid-October 17, staff member Rae Ann Sauer hosted a booth at the vendor fair of the annual event held by the Louisville Genealogical Society. The event also features a book fair and genealogical speakers from around the area as well as a national keynote speaker. The booth provided a great opportunity to promote the Library, allowing her to discuss the Library and its holdings with prospective users as well as distribute literature on the Library. This is the fifth year in a row Rae Ann has hosted the booth -- thank you, Rae Ann!

The Library will conduct a Boy Scout Genealogy Merit Badge class on November 21. This will be the second time to host this event. The first one was in July and was at capacity and the upcoming one is also at capacity. Another class will be scheduled for the spring. The class also uses the opportunity to promote the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Program.

A set of flags with accessories, to include the United States Flag, SAR Flag and Kentucky Flag, is being purchased for display in the Library. This purchase will provide an overdue and proper image to members and guests visiting the Library.

Watch for the Friends of the SAR Library advertisement in the forthcoming issue of *The SAR Magazine*. Be sure and let your members know of the FOL!

The "Lunar Bible Exhibit" presently being shown in the Special Collections Room ends in March 2016. If you have an item you think is worthy of special display in the Library, please let me know.

Remember, the Library is always open on-line at <http://library.sar.org>!

C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

PG Communique #6

Subject: SAR Library Website and Facebook Page for Digital Resources

From: Bruce Pickette (pickette@att.net)

To: sar-officer-l@rootsweb.com;

Date: Sunday, January 10, 2016 4:41 PM

Compatriots,

I know many of you have preferred websites for genealogical research. We've made some of them and others readily available to you by recently modifying the list of "Links to Other Historical and Genealogical Libraries and Online Resources" found on the library.sar.org site. We could add many more to what is there, but the list would be too long!

Also, login on SAR.org, then click on "Library" in the blue stripe on the main page, and on the Library page scroll down and in the far left column, check out the two databases listed there. One is an e-book collection of 189 titles and the other contains some 500 significant primary source documents. Under the databases listings, you will also find a link to the Librarian General reports. Again, you must be logged into SAR.org to view these items.

There's more -- since we began the SAR Genealogical Research Library Facebook page in August 2015, there have been almost 50 postings of links to both free and subscription genealogy sites, databases, compiled records, etc. Many are unique, hard to find, digital resources that may be of value to you in your searching. If you're on Facebook, I urge you to check it out.

Remember, the Library's catalog is always available online at library.sar.org.

Fraternally,
C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
GENERAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Filing Date: February 26, 2016

OFFICE: Librarian General EVENT: Spring Leadership 2016

INCUMBENT: C. Bruce Pickette

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:

1. The cost to purchase two RW-related databases, allowing for remote access by members, was presented to the Library & Archives Committee at Congress. We requested expeditious approval by PG Lawrence to take advantage of a discount offered by the provider. The databases were placed on the Library website in November.
2. Rae Ann Sauer, Walter Stevenson and I completed the review and "clean-up" of the scans of approximately 850 "family history files." Rae Ann recently updated and hyperlinked the index of all the files and we currently are awaiting posting on the Library website. It will be posted in the same area as the two databases reported above.
3. An update regarding Library activities was sent as part of the PG's Communiques #5 (October) and #6 (November). I sent an email regarding the two new databases to the Library POCs and State FOL Chairmen on November 5 and to the SAR-Officer List on November 11. I posted another email to SAR-Officer on January 10 about the databases, the SAR Library Facebook page, and a revised list of links to other sites (see paragraph 11 below). I also compiled all the Librarian General reports for 2014-2015. That file was placed on the Library website under the databases listing.
4. We continue to compose and make appropriate postings under "SAR Library News" and "Special Collections News" on the Library website. We also review the Library Wish List on Amazon to add or remove items. The "Calendar of Events" is updated with those programs that will take place in the Library.
5. I updated the Friends of the Library (FOL) application to reflect that lapel pins are mailed to members upon joining or may be picked up by the member at the Library as opposed to being only handed out during Leadership or Congress meetings. The revised application replaced the former one under NSSAR Forms but printed copies of the former application will be used until exhausted. The letter acknowledging a renewal of FOL membership (donation) was also updated and placed in use.
6. I reviewed the welcome presentation that displays on the monitor in the Library lobby and several changes were made.
7. In August, the Louisville Main Street Association offered its members the opportunity to participate in an advertisement in the *Louisville Magazine* as part of a Louisville anniversary celebration. The staff suggested and I agreed with an advertisement promoting the Library as the only public functioning part of the SAR. As a follow-on, using the magazine advertisement image as a basis, I drafted an advertisement for the FOL that was published in Fall 2015 issue of *The SAR Magazine*.
8. We received notice in September from The Library Corporation (TLC) (the Library's catalog provider) that libraries could no longer elect to enable Amazon integration of its book jacket images and as an alternative TLC would offer its customers image integration from another source. After discussions if the 2016 budget would allow for its purchase, I authorized the purchase of TLC's "Digital Content Integration (DCI)" package at an annual cost of \$500. This again allows the site to display the dust jackets of the (changeable) list that is displayed on the initial Search screen, and thumbnail images, when available, on the Results page. I also reviewed the costs and budget scheduling of all TLC costs with the Finance Director, and later summarized those in an expense recap to her and others.
9. I met with staff regarding Library issues on November 19 and attended the Minuteman statue unveiling and the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on November 20. PG Lawrence and I made remarks to the volunteers.
10. After discussions with a local Louisville production company, we reconsidered the concept for the DVD that is part of the FOL Promotional Package, revising it from a set script to that of interviews. Those interviews and filming occurred on the day of the statue unveiling and included Don Shaw, Colleen Wilson, Bill Stone,

Michael and Robin Christian, Rae Ann Sauer, and me. We received a first rough cut of the video in December, reviewed it and offered changes. Those changes are in the process of being made. The company did an additional "shoot" of footage of the Library on February 5. We are planning to have the DVD in distribution in the Spring and present it at the Boston Congress.

11. In a phone conference with several members of the NSSAR staff on December 9, we discussed and clarified the research services and assistance available to members from both the Library and Genealogy viewpoints. We then revised the language that applied to the Library, while noting that the Genealogy Department also offers more in-depth, focused assistance on a paid basis. The website was updated with the revised language applying to the Library and a link to the "Genealogy Assistants" was removed.
12. We revised the list and re-titled and categorized "Links to Other Historical and Genealogical Libraries and Online Resources" on the Library website. On January 10, I sent a notice on SAR-Officer about the links and a reminder of the two databases that were now in place on the SAR Library website. The notice also included the fact that since August 2015 there have been almost 50 postings of links to both free and subscription genealogy sites, databases, compiled records, etc., on the "SAR Library Sons of the American Revolution" Facebook page. In January we "boosted" the Facebook page with paid advertisements which significantly increased the number of persons who "Liked" the page. That number is approaching 650.
13. The security camera (Honeywell) reset and software issue for the cameras in the Library remains; the software used to view the feeds has an occasional mis-feed, however, the cameras are still recording. Additional security cameras and software are budgeted for other areas of the "complex" and the current Library camera issue should be resolved when the new cameras are added. The new system will not be a Honeywell system but the new system will work with the cameras in the Library.
14. The "excessive" heat on the upper room of the Library continues to await modular electrical and utility installation that will serve the entire Headquarters/Center/Library complex. The replacement of florescent lighting with LED will also help resolve the problem.
15. The replacement/switch over from florescent to LED lighting in the Library, for both energy savings and to help reduce heat in the Library, is awaiting new cost estimates. When the estimates are available, I will prepare a paper for the PG, the Center Project Manager, and applicable committees, outlining requirements, costs, and suggested funding sources.
16. A set of flags with accessories, to include the United States Flag, SAR Flag and Kentucky Flag, was purchased for display in the Library. This purchase provides an overdue and proper image to members and guests visiting the Library.
17. Time constraints did not permit the consideration of the "Archives Retention Guidelines" by the Library & Archives Committee at Fall Leadership. It should be discussed at the meeting of the committee during this Spring Leadership.
18. I have received the list of donations made to the Library in 2015 and will be preparing Certificates for the individuals. The certificates will be presented to them or state representatives during this Spring Leadership meeting. We will also have a Library table in the hallway at the meeting.
19. I attended the meeting of the South Atlantic District on October 6 and participated in the SAR Color Guard at Kings Mountain on October 7. I attended meetings of the Museum Board on January 4 and February 8, and Alabama Society Board of Managers meetings on January 13 and February 20.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

Library "Wish List"

Help the SAR Genealogical Research Library by purchasing needed items for our library! We have an Amazon Wish List filled with books and office equipment. Visit www.amazon.com/wishlist, and in the search box on the right that says, "Find Someone's Wish List," type "SAR Genealogical Research Library," and click "Go." By purchasing an item off our Wish List, you can choose a purchase/donation that you can be sure the library needs. Amazon.com will ship it directly to us; therefore, donating is only a few clicks away!

Library and Archives Committee


The Library and Archives Committee meeting at Spring Leadership Conference was attended by approximately twenty members and guests. Chairman Bill Stone announced that the final piece of the SAR Friends of the Library (FOL) "Promotional Package" was now complete with the delivery, on the day prior to the meeting, of the FOL video. In addition to the video, the "Package" consisted of the FOL Lapel Pin and a new, revised FOL membership tri-fold. Stone introduced Librarian General Bruce Pickette who presented the video. Various methods for the distribution of the video were discussed including the use of Share File.

Librarian General Pickette also presented an updated PowerPoint presentation regarding the Library that he had developed. The presentation and committee discussions included the revised hours of the Library, the purchase of "book covers" on the catalog to replace the previously free ones available via Amazon, the revised "Links to Other Historical and Genealogical Libraries and Online Resources," and the idea of reciprocal listing by those other libraries. LG Pickette also reported the completion of the correction of the scans of the Family History files and how they are presently being compressed and made searchable prior to making them available on the website, accessible by all members.

Librarian General Pickette pointed out selected items contained in his report for Leadership. The on-going security camera issue should be resolved with the forthcoming purchase of cameras and software for use elsewhere in the Headquarters/Center. Nine florescent spot lights in the Craik Room have been replaced with LED and further estimates, or even replacements, in the reminder of the Library will be obtained, or made, in the near future when the additional electrical panel is installed in the Headquarters/Center. Amperage requirements for the Library were included in the sizing of the electrical panel. Solar screens were suggested for the Craik Room. At Chairman Stone's suggestion, a set of flags were obtained for placement of the Library.

Chairman Stone discussed how these changes described above will improve the Library to enable it to become a premier library and how member financial support and "ownership" play a great part in accomplishing this goal.

The Donor Recognition Card for 2015 was given to all members; it was to be provided also at the SAR 1000 breakfast the following day. Chairman Stone presented Certificates of Appreciation to Compatriot John Forbes, accepting on behalf of the Kansas Society, Surgeon General Larry Leslie (KY), and Alabama State President Fred Olive for donations to the SAR Library Fund. President Olive accepted on behalf of the Alabama Society and two other Compatriots of that state. Librarian General Pickette also presented a certificate to Compatriot Barney Ellis (KS). Other donors to the Library Fund in 2015 were given their certificates at other times during the SAR Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

DRAFTED FOR COMMITTEE FOR
PG COMMUNIQUE #10,
MARCH 3, 2016 

Subject: Friends of the SAR Library Video Now Available

From: Bruce Pickette (pickette@att.net)

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Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 6:33 AM

Compatriot State Presidents,

I am pleased to announce the release of the SAR Genealogical Research Library's promotional video, a first in the history of the Library. With the video, for the first time, a majority of our membership will actually be able to see what our national Library looks like and the valuable information it contains and what it has to offer all of us. The ten minute video emphasizes the need for sustained development of our Library made possible by membership in the Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) and other donations from the members. This support allows your library to grow and make needed improvements. States and chapters can also support the Library with a donation for FOL membership.

To access the video, go to the Library website at library.sar.org and scroll down to find the video in the middle of the page.

Your help is needed to pass the word of the video's availability. Please consider showing it at your next state meeting and encourage your chapters to view it during regular scheduled meetings.

I have a supporting Power Point presentation that I will be glad to send you separately upon request. The presentation goes further into depth to explain the Library's collections and what is accessible by members.

The FOL application and donation form can be found at www.sar.org/Library/Friends_of_the_Library. This tri-fold handout explains the FOL program and enables members to make individual contributions to the Library.

In addition to your chapters, please let your State Library POC or FOL Chairman know.

In patriotic service,

C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

Subject: Fw: SAR Library FOL Promotional Video

From: Bruce Pickette (pickette@att.net)

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Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 7:25 AM

Compatriot Library and Archives Committee Members,

We discussed various distribution methods of the video during our meeting at Spring Leadership a couple of weeks ago. The video is now posted on library.sar.org. I have sent an announcement to the state presidents and we will post a Library News entry.

Thank you for your support in the making of this video. I have a supporting Power Point presentation about the Library that goes into greater detail of what's in the collection and what's accessible. If you want a copy, I will provide it separately.

Please encourage your state and chapters in showing the video at state and chapter meetings.

Kind regards,
Bruce

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Bruce Pickette <pickette@att.net>

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Cc: Bill Stone <bstonealsar@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 7, 2016 9:53 AM

Subject: SAR Library FOL Promotional Video

Gentlemen,

Chairman Stone of the Library Committee and I are excited to announce the release of Library FOL promotional video, a first in the history of the Library. With the video, for the first time, a majority of our membership will actually be able to see what our national Library looks like and the valuable information it contains and what it has to offer all of us. The ten minute video emphasizes the need for "sustained development" of our Library made possible by membership in the FOL and other donations from the members.

We sincerely hope you will view the video. To access it, go to the Library website at library.sar.org and scroll down to find the video in the middle of the page.

I will be requesting state societies to help in the promotion of the FOL and will encourage states and chapters to view the video during regular scheduled meetings. I will do so via email to the Library

POCs that I established for each state society, as well as to state presidents. We'll also be posting a Library News entry about it.

Brief history:

In September 2014, the Executive Committee approved the development of a "Friends of the SAR Library (FOL)" program. The program consisted of three parts: (1) lapel pin, (2) new membership tri-fold, and (3) video. The lapel pin is a visual acknowledgement of membership for those contributing the \$25.00 yearly FOL membership donation to the library fund or who make larger and more sizable investments to the fund. The tri-fold handout explains the FOL program and enables members to make individual contributions to the library fund. The lapel pin and tri-fold were both available by the end of 2014, and the production of the video was recently concluded and delivered to me during Spring Leadership 2016.

Fraternally,
Bruce

Subject: SAR Library "Wish List" for Donations

From: Bruce Pickette (pickette@att.net)

To: sar-officer-l@rootsweb.com;

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 7:46 AM

Compatriots,

The National Society maintains a genealogical library because it benefits members, staff and other users, and acts as a vital repository of family information and material. The Library also depends on the generosity of those who monetarily donate or who donate books or other materials.

You are invited to contribute books relating to genealogy and the Colonial, Revolutionary War and Founding periods. Do you have a family history book that you or a family member has compiled? Such a book is a perfect addition to the collection, ensuring your family's legacy is known and available to future generations. Is it scanned or in e-book form? The Library will accept electronic versions also. However, before sending a book donation you should check the online catalog at <http://sar.library.org> as we do not typically collect duplicate materials.

Do you know that the Library has a "Wish List?" It contains desired books and items the Library or Outreach Education can use, and you purchase them off Amazon where they are sent direct to Louisville. You can find the "Wish List" via the Library website; click on the Amazon link on the page at <http://library.sar.org/node/730>.

If you want to purchase a book or item, please let the Library staff know at library@sar.org, or call (502) 588-6131/6138, and they can inform you if someone else has recently purchased it as notifications to the Library from Amazon are not automatic.

Policy-wise, books are added to the collection or retained at the discretion of the Librarian provided they are relevant to the mission of the NSSAR. We routinely acknowledge or bookplate everything possible so that donors are credited for their contributions. Items bearing restrictions or conditions may be accepted at the discretion of the Librarian General. If books or materials are determined to be no longer needed by the Library, items may be returned to the donor when possible, if requested, or otherwise disposed of in a manner not adverse to the interests of the NSSAR.

Thanks for your support of the Library. Please let me know at pickette@att.net if you have any questions.

Fraternally,

C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

Subject: Fw: SAR Library "Wish List" for Donations

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Date: Sunday, May 8, 2016 8:40 AM

Compatriot Library POCs,

For your information and in the event you did not see via SAR-Officer.

Please let me know any changes if you are no longer the Library POC for your society.

Best regards,

Bruce

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From: Bruce Pickette <pickette@att.net>

To: SAR-Officer List <sar-officer-l@rootsweb.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 7:46 AM

Subject: SAR Library "Wish List" for Donations

Compatriots,

The National Society maintains a genealogical library because it benefits members, staff and other users, and acts as a vital repository of family information and material. The Library also depends on the generosity of those who monetarily donate or who donate books or other materials.

You are invited to contribute books relating to genealogy and the Colonial, Revolutionary War and Founding periods. Do you have a family history book that you or a family member has compiled? Such a book is a perfect addition to the collection, ensuring your family's legacy is known and available to future generations. Is it scanned or in e-book form? The Library will accept electronic versions also. However, before sending a book donation you should check the online catalog at <http://library.sar.org> as we do not typically collect duplicate materials.

Do you know that the Library has a "Wish List?" It contains desired books and items the Library or Outreach Education can use, and you purchase them off Amazon where they are sent direct to Louisville. You can find the "Wish List" via the Library website; click on the Amazon link on the page at <http://library.sar.org/node/730>.

If you want to purchase a book or item, please let the Library staff know at library@sar.org, or call (502) 588-6131/6138, and they can inform you if someone else has recently purchased it as notifications to the Library from Amazon are not automatic.

Policy-wise, books are added to the collection or retained at the discretion of the Librarian provided they are relevant to the mission of the NSSAR. We routinely acknowledge or bookplate everything possible so that donors are credited for their contributions. Items bearing restrictions or conditions may be accepted at the discretion of the Librarian General. If books or materials are determined to be no longer needed by the Library, items may be returned to the donor when possible, if requested, or otherwise disposed of in a manner not adverse to the interests of the NSSAR.

Thanks for your support of the Library. Please let me know at pickette@att.net if you have any questions.

Fraternally,

C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

Subject: Update on the SAR Library Facebook Page

From: Bruce Pickette (pickette@att.net)

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Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016 6:47 AM

Compatriot Library Committee Members,

Here's today's posting on the Facebook page ---

Finding Early Immigrants

Diane Haddad's latest post in the Genealogy Insider

<http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2016/05/11/FiveResourcesForFindingEarlyImmigrantsToTl>

I post what I consider as an useful resources and links, concentrating on digital resources, as well as items of publicity for the Library. Rae Ann also posts events that will take place in the Library. If you have any suggestions for posting, please send to me.

Since the page began in August, we have made about 130 postings. I have "boosted" the page three times, including once to the businesses in Louisville, and plan to do so again soon.

We now have 758 likes. I hope you are one of them and I hope you will let others know of the page!

Regards,
Bruce

Subject: SAR Library Family History Files Available on ShareFile

From: Bruce Pickette (pickette@att.net)

To: sar-officer-l@rootsweb.com;

Date: Friday, May 13, 2016 3:35 PM

Compatriots,

The "Family History Files" of the SAR Genealogical Research Library is a collection of 862 digitized files of miscellaneous genealogical information alphabetized by surname. Think of them as the old "vertical files" found in file cabinets. The types of information include family association newsletters, pedigree charts, biographies, bible records, and much more, all of which were donated to the Library over many years. The files consist of 34,000 pages and are now being made available to you.

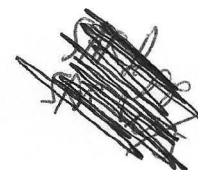
The two year project consisted of the original scanning of the documents (done by Rae Ann Sauer), the "clean-up" of the scans using "Paper Port" software, a re-scanning of selected files or pages, compression of the files and making them searchable, and finally, an upload of the files to the SAR ShareFile account.

Our original plan to put the files on the Library website and "behind" the SAR.org member login could not be done because of the large size of the files. Our only remaining solution for the present, awaiting future development of the (new) SAR "cloud" capabilities, was to place the files on ShareFile.

ShareFile is a service the Society provides members to keep them informed; the system has been in operation for over a year. If you are subscribed to ShareFile, you may have recently received a large number of notification emails. It was not our purpose in loading the family files to ShareFile to upset anyone but unfortunately, the notification setting can only be turned off for individuals, not collectively. The notification emails are not downloads but rather notice that a given file is available for download.

ShareFile is a secure place to make this information available. All members of the SAR are eligible to be enrolled in ShareFile and there are currently over 16,000 email addresses in the SAR account. If you are not enrolled, you can request a new account by email to the SAR Webmaster at sar@blackstonemedia.com or to Compatriot Bill Marrs at sartech@hot.rr.com. You may also request termination in the same manner.

To access the "Family History Files," login your ShareFile account at nssar.sharefile.com, click on the Members folder, then on the SAR Genealogical Research Library folder, and then on the Family History Files folder. Be sure and click directly on the folder icon. From there, you may click on Index file to determine if a surname is listed (the Index is not hyperlinked) or click on the letter of the alphabet for which you want to see the individual files. The file may then be downloaded or opened. As a .pdf document, it may be searched using the Ctrl F keys combination.



Most of files are quite old and the information in them does not constitute "proof" documentation, but may be useful to you as a finding aid. We did redact some, but very little, data of a private nature when we found it, but please let me know if you believe something should be removed.

This is the third of our major projects in the effort to make digital records and resources available or known to you as members. My appreciation to Rae Ann, Mike Scroggins, and Beirne Miles of the staff and to Compatriots Walter Stevenson, who together with Rae Ann and me worked to "clean-up" the files, and Bill Marrs for his instructions regarding ShareFile.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Fraternally,

C. Bruce Pickette
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THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
GENERAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Filing Date: June 9, 2016

OFFICE: Librarian General EVENT: Congress 2016
INCUMBENT: C. Bruce Pickette

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:

1. Last minute road closures in Louisville necessitated the postponement of the program scheduled to take place in the Library on May 21, "200 Years of Germans in Louisville." Notices were immediately posted on the main and library websites as well as emails sent to all the people that the event was advertised to originally. The event was rescheduled for June 18. Thus far, some 30 events have taken place or are scheduled to take place this year in the Library. Some are programs given by the Library staff while others are programs given by organizations who have requested use of the Library as the venue. We continue to post all upcoming programs on the "Calendar of Events" on the Library website. Events hosted by or in the Library are designed to attract visitors and enhance knowledge of the Library, especially in the Louisville area.
2. Outside the Library, Library staff presented a Genealogy How-To Session at a branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. Colleen Wilson and Rae Ann Sauer also staffed a booth in the 4th Street Live area to promote the Library during the Louisville "Hometown Tourist Celebration" on May 10. For use at the booth, we had additional copies of the "Mailable Library Brochure" produced after it was updated to reflect the new Library hours. (The updated brochure was also placed on NSSAR Forms.) Sufficient copies of the brochure were made to also send to Congress for handout in the Outreach Education room.
3. I continue to manage the SAR Library Facebook page (search "SAR Library Sons of the American Revolution") which I began in August 2015 and have made several postings every week of links to both free and subscription genealogy sites, databases, and compiled records. In April and May, I again "boosted" the Facebook page with paid advertisements (one for the site itself within Kentucky and one for the new Library video) and the number of persons who have "Liked" the page is now approaching 800. I sent an update regarding the Facebook page on May 12 to Library Committee members, General Officers, and Executive Committee members.
4. After staff had completed design of the DVD cover, in a series of early March emails to the General Officers, Library Committee members, and State Society Presidents, I announced the availability of the Library Friends of the Library (FOL) promotional video, which had been delivered at the time of the Spring Leadership meeting in February. The video and FOL material were displayed on a table in the foyer of the Brown Hotel. With the video, for the first time, a majority of our membership can actually see what our Library looks like and hear about the valuable information it contains and what it has to offer all of us. The ten minute video emphasizes the need for "sustained development" of our Library made possible by membership in the FOL and other donations from the members. To access the video, go to the Library website at library.sar.org and scroll down to find the video in the middle of the page. I composed an announcement about the video that was posted on the NSSAR website under "NSSAR News" and on the Library website under "SAR Library News." Additionally, the video was placed on the YouTube site ("NationalSociety SAR") where other NSSAR videos are posted. The video will also be available for viewing in the Outreach Education room during Congress. I requested staff to make 250 copies of the video for handout at Congress. I plan to give a couple to each state society and the remainder will be available in the Outreach Education room. I encourage States and Chapters to view the video during meetings to help promote the FOL.
5. Statistics regarding the Library are provided to me as Librarian General. For this year, as of the end of May, there had been 305 visitors, 540 reference requests, 201 phone requests, 311 letters or emails requiring response, 216 catalog entries made, and 206 letters sent in acknowledgment of books, donations and correspondence related to the FOL program. This unheralded, everyday work by your library staff is what allows the Library to properly function; please commend the staff if you have the opportunity.
6. My philosophy regarding the Library has been shared with the Library and Archives Committee. Although "numbers through the door" are important as an indicator of knowledge of the existence of the Library, our

Library is not like a public library or archives where those numbers often determine the funding the public facilities will receive. As shown in the above paragraphs and by the many other publicity efforts that I've previously reported, we have initiated and are employing many different means to increase the "traffic" count and will continue to do so. As stated by one Library Committee member, spreading the word of what is contained within our Library to not only all our members but also to all researchers, who may then find interest in joining, is the best advertising to get folks to want to "walk in" to see the actual source. But we are a special collection library, dependent upon membership support and financing, not numbers coming through the door nor ever intended to be so dependent. I believe the National Society maintains a genealogical library because it benefits members, staff and other users, and acts as a vital repository of family information and material.

7. Recognizing that we need to provide access on as many levels as we can is the reason we began the Facebook page and refined the "Links to Other Historical and Genealogical Libraries and Online Resources" on the Library website. In addition to what else we have accomplished or have on-going, we began to concentrate on digitization. We acquired two Gale genealogical and Revolutionary War related databases in late 2015 that are now available on the Library website and I was glad to announce in May that the two year major project to make the collection of 862 digitized files of the "Family History Files" of the SAR Library had been achieved. The files are alphabetized by surname and consist of 34,000 pages of family association newsletters, pedigree charts, biographies, bible records, and much more, all of which were donated to the Library over many years. The project consisted of the original scanning of the documents, the "clean-up" of the scans using "Paper Port" software, a re-scanning of selected files or pages, compression of the files and making them searchable, and finally, an upload of the files to the SAR ShareFile account. Our original plan to put the files on the Library website and "behind" the SAR.org member login, similar to what was done for the new Gale databases, could not be done because of the large size of the files. To access the "Family History Files," login your ShareFile account at nssar.sharefile.com, click on the Members folder, then on the SAR Genealogical Research Library folder, and then on the Family History Files folder. I sent an email via SAR Officer on May 13 announcing the availability of the files, along with additional access details. I composed an announcement about the files that was posted on the NSSAR website under "NSSAR News" and on the Library website under "SAR Library News." The files are also to be placed on the computers in the Library.
8. The long term objective to convert and retrofit existing incandescent light fixtures and bulbs over to all LED lighting is being achieved. After two earlier estimates in February and June 2015, a final estimate of \$14,354 was obtained in April 2016. After further research by the staff and me, and discussion between the Chairman of the Library and Archives Committee, Bill Stone, and me, the Chairman submitted a request on May 2 to PG Lawrence for the lighting conversion to be done out of this years' Library related funds monies. (In June 2015, I pursued and obtained the permission of the donor that the money of the "New Library Endowment" (approximately \$4,200) Special Purpose Operating Fund (SPOF) could be entirely used for the project.) The need for action was predicated on the need for the LED conversion to eliminate the heat and amperage load in the effort to prevent any continuing damage to our collections and the fact that many of the existing incandescent ceiling fixture bulbs are now burnt out. A conference call among PG Lawrence, Chairman Stone, and me was pre-empted by a discussion of the matter after being brought before the Executive Committee on May 11 by PG Lawrence. PG Lawrence subsequently gave his approval on May 24 for the work, scheduled to begin in June after completion of other electrical work in the complex. The balance of the money needed for the project (\$10,154) will come from the "Library" SPOF. My thanks to Executive Director Shaw and Operations Director Scroggins for their diligence in pursuing the issue and to Chairman Stone for his quick response before the Excom meeting.
9. For another long term project, I previously reported that resolution of the "excessive" heat on the upper room of the Library continues to await modular electrical and utility installation that will serve the entire Headquarters/Center/Library complex. The replacement of florescent lighting with LED will also help toward resolving this problem. However, I submitted a potential "budget need" of \$21,000 for 2017 to the Budget Chairman and the NSSAR Finance Director for adding new ductless AC units should they be required to resolve the heat problem. This need will be determined after the new utility amperage is added to the adjacent building this summer and the existing cooling system is monitored and tested in the Library.

10. I continue to monitor the security camera reset issue in the Library; the problem remains unresolved. As reported, additional security cameras and software are budgeted for other areas and the current Library camera issue should be resolved when the new cameras are added.
11. An additional flag, the Betsy Ross, was purchased and is now displayed in the Library along with the new United States, SAR and Kentucky flags.
12. The Genealogist General recently provided Revolutionary War tax lists compiled from the New York State Archives and the Library of Virginia. The information will be made available on the computers in the Library. Current lists are posted for Virginia and Maryland. All provide evidence of Patriotic Service. Contact Librarian Michael Christian to determine if any desired information is available.
13. I drafted the minutes of the Library and Archives Committee meeting held at Spring Leadership; Chairman Stone also used this as an update to be part of the PG's Communique #10.
14. I pursued obtaining the number of Library website hits as an indicator of interest and knowledge of the Library. However, such data is not available, or at least cannot be limited to the Library website. After initial study and further discussion with Librarian Michael Christian, I dropped consideration of my idea of a cooperative agreement with the Filson Historical Society as unlikely. I will pursue other opportunities for cooperation between the Library and other organizations and facilities.
15. I sent an email on SAR Officer on May 4 and later to the 50+ Library POCs of the State Societies, for further distribution, inviting members to contribute books relating to their family history or the Colonial, American Revolution and Founding periods. I noted that the Library will also accept electronic versions as we will begin to collect such versions. Cataloging of any donated electronic resources has been discussed with the Library staff; the resources will be available in the Library but further availability and access is to be determined. The email emphasized the fact that there is a "Wish List" of desired books and items that can be purchased off Amazon. The Library staff and I exchange recommendations to update the list. You can find the "Wish List" via the Library website; click on the Amazon link on the page at <http://library.sar.org/node/730>. If you want to purchase a book or item, let the Library staff know at library@sar.org, or call (502) 588-6131/6138, and they can inform you if someone else has recently purchased it as notifications to the Library from Amazon are not automatic.
16. Policy-wise, books are added to the collection or retained at the discretion of the Librarian provided they are relevant to the mission of the NSSAR. We routinely acknowledge or bookplate everything possible so that donors are credited for their contributions. Items bearing restrictions or conditions may be accepted at the discretion of the Librarian General. If books or materials are determined to be no longer needed by the Library, items may be returned to the donor when possible, if requested, or otherwise disposed of in a manner not adverse to the interests of the NSSAR.
17. A printer problem with one of the two microform (microfilm/microfiche) reader/printers led to the discovery that it needed to be replaced as outdated and un-maintainable and I requested the Librarian obtain a quote for a new device. A quote for a new, very capable ScanPro 1100, in wide use throughout libraries, was obtained and clarified in later exchanges, including a supporting computer, and I have included them in the 2017 budget estimates for the Library.
18. In April, I began drafting of the 2017 "Library Special Purpose Operating Fund" budget estimates and annual projection summary on behalf of the Library and the Library Committee, as well as adjustments to the 2016 library-related SPOF budget and summary because of the lighting conversion project. Library Committee members were emailed the proposed 2017 individual estimates, in addition to yearly summary estimates for 2016 and 2017, on June 9 to obtain approval for budget submission.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
GENERAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Filing Date: September 12, 2016

OFFICE: Librarian General EVENT: Fall Leadership 2016
INCUMBENT: C. Bruce Pickette, pickette@att.net, 334-273-4680

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:

1. Copies of the Friends of the Library (FOL) promotional video were made available at the Congress in Boston. A copy has been mailed to those State Societies that did not pick them up. The ten minute video emphasizes that improvements of our Library are made possible by membership in the FOL and other donations, by allowing purchase of non-NSSAR Budget items that are needed. You are encouraged to show the video at your next state or chapter meeting. The video can be accessed at the Library website at library.sar.org.
2. Publicity efforts for the Library have continued, including postings and ads for the Library Facebook page. The Community Foundation of Louisville will run a "Give Local Louisville" online campaign which features the Library. An article in the most recent issue of *The SAR Magazine* reported about the SAR/Library booth during the Louisville "Hometown Tourist Celebration." Also, we will have a new FOL ad in the next issue of the magazine. Events sponsored by the Library and meetings of other organizations continue to be held in the Library.
3. A state of the art microfilm and microfiche reader, a ScanPro 1100, and supporting computer has been purchased and installed. The ScanPro 1100 is in wide spread use throughout libraries.
4. The infrastructure problems of (a) replacement of florescent lighting with LED, (b) excessive heat on the upper floor, and (c) security camera system reset remain as of this date. The switchover to LED was based on the need to reduce heat in the effort to prevent damage to our collections and the fact that many of the existing incandescent ceiling fixture bulbs are now burnt out. LED installation is scheduled to be completed by this Leadership meeting. With the recent completion of electrical installation serving the larger Center complex, the air conditioning can now be "balanced" and further adjusted, after which a determination will be made if additional A/C units are required. Plans for the electrical installation also included routing of an additional 250 amps back into the Library, which has been maxed out in power consumption. The camera system reset issue should be resolved when new cameras are added for the complex.
5. Four French archival maps were found during the move to Main Street and were added to the Library Special Collections. These rare maps have now been framed. Visit the exhibit of them in the Craik Room.
6. Rae Ann Sauer of the staff converted the present Library website to the format of new SAR.org website and I reviewed and approved it. We are waiting for the URL of the new Library site to be changed over to the original one of "library.sar.org" by the SAR IT contractor, Blackstone. When that update is made, notices will then be sent out announcing the conversion to the new Library website; I hope to make those announcements before the "switch" is made.
7. With the new Library website, the two Gale Connect genealogical and Revolutionary War related databases that were acquired in late 2015 will again be available. The collection of 862 digitized files of the "Family History Files" has remained available on NSSAR ShareFile.
8. Please take note of the "Wish List" of desired books and items that can be purchased for the Library off Amazon. You can find the "Wish List" via the Library website.
9. I again invite you to contribute books relating to your family history or the Colonial, American Revolution and Founding periods. We will also accept a thumb drive with your family tree and important ancestral documents on it and will put it in a file with your ancestors name on it. It is with your help that the Library's collection will grow.
10. Since Congress, I have attended the Atlantic Middle States Association meeting in Albany, NY; the North Carolina Society Board of Managers meeting in Raleigh; and, the South Central District meeting in KC.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Bruce Pickette, Librarian General

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
GENERAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Filing Date: February 10, 2017

OFFICE: Librarian General EVENT: Spring 2017 Leadership

INCUMBENT: C. Bruce Pickette, pickette@att.net, 334-273-4680

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:

1. The replacement of florescent lighting with LED bulbs, and ballasts where required, has been completed. The total cost of the project was \$15,317. My thanks to Mike Scroggins, Director of Operations, for seeing the entire project through and ensuring the conversion was accomplished.
2. My thanks also to Beirne Miles, Education Coordinator, who has continued to do an excellent job in updating the monitor in the lobby of the Library.
3. The foyer floor of the Library entrance is in need of refinishing. Staff is gathering cost estimates.
4. The Library had been maxed out in power consumption. 250 amps of electrical power were added back to the Library building and additional circuits were installed, creating four separate circuits going into the archive area. The electrical upgrade also enables the potential installation of additional A/C for the Library.
5. Staff will take temperature measurements at the onset of Summer which may determine if additional HVAC equipment is needed for the upper floor of the Library. Working with the Budget Committee and Mary Butts, Director of Finance, I had ensured \$21,000 for A/C units, if needed, was included as a Spending Option in the draft 2017 NSSAR Operating Budget. The option was removed during Executive Committee discussions at the Fall 2016 Leadership, and placed in a 'reserved/when needed' status.
6. There had been a security camera system problem in the Library with some cameras not showing at the Library Lobby Desk. This problem was resolved when the camera system for the entire complex was upgraded and an initial install completed.
7. Preservation of two historical documents was approved several years ago by the Library and Archives Committee. One document is a land grant signed in 1792 by Alexander Martin, a governor of North Carolina. The other is also a land grant, signed in 1800 by John Adams and Timothy Pickering. The original cost estimate for the preservation was \$3,000. This amount was budgeted for the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund (SPOF) in 2015 and later approved by President General Brock. Monies were moved from the Library SPOF Investment Account to the Library SPOF Checking account in anticipation of use. I began re-pursuing this project in this past Fall, and Collections Coordinator Amanda Rush located a new conservator who provided detailed proposals at a quote of \$1875. The conservator, Lyn Koehonline, of Richmond, IN, is presently treating the documents and we hope to have them back by the time of this Leadership. Our plans include framing using UV protected glass and that because of its condition, a facsimile of the Adams document will be displayed, even after conservation, in order to protect the original from any further deterioration.
8. In preparation and support for a forthcoming proposal by the Strategic Planning Committee for a six year SPOF projection, I prepared such a budget and coordinated it with the Chairman of the Library and Archives Committee. This budget, for 2018-2023, will be on the agenda for the meeting of the Committee at this Leadership.
9. Staff requested funds of \$200 to cover the costs of displays over time in the Library window. I informed PG Tomme that such expenses were covered under the Advertisement budget estimates for the Library SPOF for 2016 and 2017, as well as the six year projection drafted for 2018-2023.

10. Working with Editor Steve Vest, I arranged for an advertisement for Friends of the Library (FOL) membership to be placed in the Fall issue of *The SAR Magazine*. I wrote an article entitled "SAR Genealogical Research Library – Databases, Accessing, and Links" that will be published in the next issue.
11. I previously reported that we were waiting for the URL (<https://www.sar.org/sar-genealogical-research-library>) of the new Library website to be changed over to the original one of "library.sar.org." This update will not be made, but entering "library.sar.org" as the URL will bring you to the same Library website. With the new Library website, the two Gale Connect genealogical and Revolutionary War related databases (i.e., the Cengage Learning Databases) that were acquired in late 2015 are again available. The collection of 862 digitized files of the "Family History Files" remains available on NSSAR ShareFile.
12. I prepared a re-cap of selected expenses for the Library for the Operating Budget and provided it to the Director of Finance. These expenses cover the on-going costs (non-SPOF) of the online catalog purchased from The Library Corporation, the New England Historic Genealogical Society (AmericanAncestors.org), the Cengage Learning Databases, and the ProQuest database of HeritageQuest. Total annual costs for these research tools/databases will be \$5,010 for 2017, \$12,952 for 2018, and \$7,195 for 2019-2022.
13. Staff has re-initiated the idea of digitization and indexing of *The SAR Magazine* collection; under various titles, this collection dates back to 1889. This project was first proposed in 2015 and a rough estimate cost of \$18,000 was obtained at that time from a local digitization company. The cost was proposed by Staff on the Wish List associated with the NSSAR annual Operating Budget but was removed during discussions at the Fall 2015 Leadership. This outcome is likely to continue for foreseeable operating budgets. This cost is too much to be supported out of the Library SPOF and I have proposed that as a first possible step that we obtain the cost of scanning the collection and making it ".pdf" searchable; indexing would possibly come at a later time. Staff or I will be gathering cost estimates for the scanning.
14. In the effort to continue increasing the number or availability of research tools in the Library, I contacted the ProQuest organization and obtained a price quote for both the Newspapers.com and NewspaperArchive.com databases. I judged the NewspaperArchive.com one to be of greater utility to the SAR Library, however, its price is prohibitive and can't be incorporated into the Library portion of the NSSAR Operating Budget.
15. Following the practice of the last two years, I have prepared certificates of appreciation to recognize donors of selected amount categories for the previous calendar year. I have previously presented these to individuals and State Societies during the SAR 1000 breakfast at Spring Leaderships or at Library and Archives Committee meetings. The NSSAR Franklin Flyer Awards for the largest percentage of FOL membership increase by State Societies are presented by the President General during Congress.
16. Since the Fall 2016 Leadership meeting, I have attended the South Atlantic District meeting in Spartanburg, SC, the Florida Society Board of Managers (BOM) meeting in Kissimmee, FL, the Great Lakes District meeting in Grand Rapids, MI, the Central District meeting in Cincinnati, OH, and the Kentucky State Society BOM meeting in Louisville, KY. I also gave presentations to the Descendants of Washington's Army of Valley Forge in Huntsville, AL ("Valley Forge - Construction and Conditions"), and to the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century in Montgomery, AL ("The Dutch in Early America").

Respectfully submitted,

C. Bruce Pickette
Librarian General

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
GENERAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Filing Date: June 9, 2017

OFFICE: Librarian General EVENT: 2017 Congress

INCUMBENT: C. Bruce Pickette, pickette@att.net, 334-273-4680

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:

1. With the onset of Summer, the staff is to take temperature measurements which may determine if additional air conditioning equipment is needed for the upper floor of the Library. The Spending Option of \$21,000 for A/C units was removed in discussions regarding the draft 2017 NSSAR Operating Budget during Spring Leadership but was placed in a 'reserved/when needed' status.
2. Preservation of two historical documents was completed, having been coordinated by Collections Coordinator Amanda Rush. Both documents were land grants, signed in 1792 and 1800. Facsimiles of the documents will be framed for eventual display.
3. In contacting Family Search to obtain a replacement microfilm roll for one containing SAR applications that broke, Rae Ann Sauer learned that such microfilm rolls will soon not be available from them. This was a roll of the microfilm of the applications for the years 1889-1996 and supporting application documentation for the years 1979-1996 that are available in the Library. There are 1,087 rolls of these applications and documentation. Family Search is getting totally out of microfilm and if we were to run into a similar issue in the future, they would only be able to get us a digital copy. As a continuing issue, the 1,087 rolls are beginning to show evidence (i.e., smell) of the vinegar syndrome.
4. The article (at end of this report) entitled "SAR Genealogical Research Library – Databases, Accessing, and Links" was published in the Winter issue of the *SAR Magazine*. Subsequent to that publication and continuing the effort to increase the number or availability of research tools in the Library, I arranged a trial of a database, "Accessible Archives." The staff and I judged the user interface to be somewhat difficult, as it is oriented to academic library research capability. Nevertheless, I accepted the company's offer of a price of \$228, a discount of 75%, and for a term of 18 months versus the usual term of 12 months. Too good to pass up! After the initial term, a determination can be made whether to retain the database. The main emphasis of "Accessible Archives" is the electronic availability of County Histories. The database currently consists of 2500 books in electronic format, with 75-100 titles being added monthly.
5. As reported previously, the staff re-initiated the idea of digitization and indexing of *The SAR Magazine* collection. This was discussed by the Library Committee at Spring Leadership. Under various titles, this collection dates back to 1905. I obtained a cost estimate from The Data Vault (TDV) Company of Louisville for scanning and indexing the collection, or with searchable scans at the least. The company conducted a Go-To-Meeting demonstration of their software ("Paper Vision") using sample digitized pages from the collection and we viewed that demonstration favorably. Library Committee Chair Bill Stone then polled committee members for the expenditure of Library Special Purpose Operating Fund monies and received unanimous approval. I submitted the request for funds to Treasurer General Alter and President General Tomme approved. The request was for TDV to proceed with scanning at the cost quoted of \$6000 and that we obtain one Paper Vision license for staff and Library use. That license will allow full searching capability by the staff, enhancing their responsiveness to requests. For members, the scanned files will be provided on a flash drive and the files will be put on a directory on ShareFile under the Library directory. As

6. Compatriot Ben Saxon of the Florida Society recently donated a 2 volume, 1811 copy of *The History of the American Revolution* by David Ramsay. This historic set is a valuable addition to the collection. The assistance of Compatriot Phil Tarpley in arranging this donation is appreciated. If you or your chapter or state would like to donate a book or item, check the online catalog or contact Librarian Mike Christian.
7. A recent principal donor to the Library was the Mildred V. Horn Foundation of LaGrange, KY. Estate Trustee/Compatriot Scott Davis of the Kentucky Society was instrumental in the donation.
8. Lists of Library Donors (i.e., the monetary gifts qualifying as "Benjamin Franklin Subscriber," "Library Endowment Fund Contributor," and "Robert Morris Benefactor") and George Washington Endowment Fellows have been posted on the Library computers. The Library Donors are those we have identified in the last three years and that I have recognized at Spring Leadership meetings.
9. I updated the PowerPoint presentation of the Library and will be glad to share it with any Compatriot.

It has been an honor to serve as Librarian General for the last three years and my thanks to the members of the SAR for having given me that privilege. I sincerely appreciate the support of the Library Committee and the ideas and encouragement of Chairman Bill Stone. Staff members Rae Ann Sauer and Michael & Robin Christian have been unfailing in their efforts and assistance. All working together, I believe we have accomplished much to improve the Library and to make what resources we could available outside the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
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SAR Genealogical Research Library

Databases, Accessing and Links

The Library's Catalog is always available online at library.sar.org and there are 15 useful "Links to Other Historical and Genealogical Libraries and Online Resources" on the Library's main webpage. Also, many quality library databases have been available in-house for members and visitors to our library for quite some time. These include Ancestry, Fold3, Heritage Quest and the New England Genealogical Society (AmericanAncestors.org). Because of proprietary rights, we can't offer access to these outside the library. However, it has been the goal of the library staff, the national library committee and me, as Librarian General, to step up membership services by providing access to services to all members of the SAR from anywhere.

In November 2015, we announced the availability of two genealogical and Revolutionary War databases that can be accessed on the library website:

- "Gale Genealogy Connect" is a first-quality eBook collection consisting of 189 individual titles of online genealogical research on how-to materials and original sources.
- "Sources in American History OnLine: The American Revolution" contains nearly 500 primary source documents exploring the American Revolution, featuring personal accounts, maps, pamphlets and monographs.

To access the two databases, log in on the sar.org website and then go to the library site. Scroll down and on the left column you'll see "Library Databases." Links to the two databases are listed; don't forget them when you are doing your research! Remember you must be logged in to see them.

Another asset available online is the "Family History Files," a collection of 862 digitized files, totaling 36,000 pages, of miscellaneous genealogical information alphabetized by surname. The types of information include family association newsletters, pedigree charts, biographies, Bible records, and

much more, all of which were donated to the library over many years. The information in them does not constitute "proof" documentation, but may be useful to you.

To access the "Family History Files," log in your ShareFile account at nssar.sharefile.com. Click on Shared Folders - Members - SAR Genealogical Research Library - then on the Family History Files folder. From there, you may click on Index file to determine if a surname is listed (the Index is not hyperlinked) or click on the relevant letter. The file may then be downloaded or opened.

Want to access more resources? Check out the SAR Library Sons of the American Revolution Facebook page, where we have more than 100 postings of links to both free and subscription genealogy sites, databases, compiled records, etc. Many are unique, hard-to-find digital resources that may be of value to you in your research.

The National Society maintains a genealogical research library because it benefits members, staff and other users, and acts as a vital repository of family information and material. You are invited to contribute books relating to genealogy and the Colonial, Revolutionary War and Founding periods. Do you have a family history book that you or a family member has compiled? Such a book is a perfect addition to the collection, ensuring your family's legacy is known and available to future generations.

The library depends on your generosity and your membership in the Friends of the library is vital to help fund items needed for the library. If you're unable to visit the library and want to see what it looks like, view the Library FOL Video on the main page of the library website.

Thank you for your support of the library.

— C. BRUCE PICKETTE, LIBRARIAN GENERAL