



CALUMET

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GOVERNOR GENERAL'S LETTER

This Officer represented CSDIW at several banquets in Washington, D.C. in April, including 1812 & Huguenot's. I had accepted DAR opening night invitation in July, but I was unexpectedly put in the hospital that afternoon.

I so regret that the past year has not been a profitable. The long-range projects are continuing on schedule. Many thanks to Denise Rice for continuing to work on proposals for next year's big projects. Her work on both printing and microfilming as well as on completing the work on the text itself. Our membership, always a priority, is moving right along, thanks Barbara Stone, Registrar General.

In spite of the lateness of the notification, I hope that many of you have saved the date for our annual meeting, since that date is set by our bylaws. There are many things that we need to discuss.

**5, 6 September 2003
Hilton Atlanta Airport**

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**April Luncheon in
Washington, D.C.
Mayflower Hotel
They have yet to confirm date.**

We will be meeting, as you will see elsewhere in this Calumet, at the Hilton Airport, in Atlanta. See details on page 3.
Send your reservations at once.

It will be a busy and important meeting with reports from your General Officers, Chairman, and State Societies. We will hear about the new recipient of the Indian Scholarship as well as the new computerized application developed by Marlene Wilkinson. There will also be many other important matters brought before this Council.

The work on the Calumet has been far from timely. This is not the fault of the Editor. I had wanted to do this issue myself and hated to admit I could not do so. With the use of only half of one hand (fortunately the right hand) I can only do computer input by the one finger method. Until one reaches this state it is impossible to realize how difficult it is to accept the fact that there will not be a sudden miracle that will make all normal and life can begin again. Thus the delay — my fault entirely.

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Due to the above mentioned circumstances, it is with regret, I feel I must resign the office of Governor General of CSDIW. Effective 15 September, your 1st Deputy Governor, Marie Russell, will complete the balance of this term. I know you will give Marie the same love and support that you have shown me.

In Bonds of Peace,
Lucy S. Blocker

HONORARY GOVERNOR GENERAL'S LETTER

Forty members and guests enjoyed the hospitality of the Georgia Society for the September 2002 Council in Atlanta. Fourteen states were represented, all but two General Officers attended and seven State Governors were there.

On Thursday evening all gathered in a private area between the dining room and bar for a social hour and dinner. Friday morning the big air conditioned bus left the hotel early for the Cyclorama and an exciting depiction of the Battle of Atlanta, then on to Stone Mountain and the Yellow Daisy Festival where each wandered freely to enjoy a gondola ride to the top of the mountain, a train ride around the base of the mountain, a boat ride on the picturesque lake, craft booths, museum displays, snack bars or just sitting in the shade to enjoy the beautiful grounds. After a quiet dinner in the hotel the Executive Board met to transact necessary business.

Saturday was a full day of Council meetings and good food. Several things were finally decided. The Council meeting will continue to be held in Atlanta each year. Winter Board meetings will move about the country at the invitation of the State Societies. Our officer sashes will now be woven by Caldwell and ordered from them like insignia. The luncheon speakers were Dola and Dan Davis, Cherokee jewelry makers, who with their daughter, told about their craft.

New officers were elected and installed in a lovely ceremony by Honorary Governor General Susan Chamberlain after the evening banquet. The only sad note was the absence of the new Governor General Lucy Blocker, who was hospitalized back in Maryland. She and the new Executive Board will need your support, be there for them when called on for help.

Shirle Williams
Honorary Governor General

Ms. Gormley also points out that there is no such thing as a Cherokee Indian princess, so she prepared to abandon that bit of folklore. Unlike the Plains Indians of North America., the Cherokee do not have high cheekbones, so if the old family photographs reveal such a facial feature, you might better claim to be Welsh. Ms. Gormley points out that the commonly held views of history are not necessarily the truth. Many Americans are familiar with the tales of the Trail of Tears when the Cherokees were evicted from their ancestral homes in the Southeast and forced to relocate west of the Mississippi River in 1838-39.

Most of us are under the impression that the U.S. Army herded the Indians on forced marches on their trek to what is now Oklahoma. Ms. Gormley points out that there were 17 separate contingents, but only four had U.S. Army escorts. She lists many of the genealogical sources and explains how and why the various records were generated. Her's is an easy to follow guide for those seeking to prove their heritage for tribal membership or wanting to learn about their ancestry.

Extracted from Family Tree by Lloyd Bockstruk,
Sat, Mar 25, 1995 The Dallas Morning News.

10 Commandments For Amateur Genealogists

1. Thou shalt be brief.
2. Thou shalt not complain about using microfilm. Thou cannot have the original documents.
3. Thou art perfectly capable of finding the bathroom on thine own.
4. Eateth not thy peanut butter cups in the Search Room, nor thy potato chips.
5. Honor the Archivist, and bring him/her chocolate chip cookies.
6. Thou shalt not put a death grip on the microfilm reader at closing time.
7. Thy spoiled unruly child shall never enter unto the Search Room, nay, not to the fifth generation. that My staff's, sanity may be preserved.
8. Honor the Sabbath Day. Sitteth not down next to me at Burger King on Sunday morning as I peruse the paper and telleth me all about thy family.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness (thy grandmother, Bridgett McGillicuddy, was Not a full-blooded Indian Princess).
10. Thou shalt faithfully obey Commandment Number 5, lest the chances of thy locating that "critical" birth record be diminished.

(Original composer?) Arthur Dostie

CALL TO THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL COUNCIL
CONTINENTAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF INDIAN WARS

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Hilton Atlanta Airport Atlanta, Georgia
September 5 & 6, 2003

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September 5, 2003
Dinner together (on your own)
9:pm (after dinner) Executive Board
Governor General's Room

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September 6, 2003
8:30 am Registration \$5.00
9:00 am Board of Management
9:45 am Annual Council Opens

12 noon Luncheon \$28.00
Speaker: Ms. Betty Jane Miller
"Her Ancestor's Association with the Indians"

2:pm Memorial Service

7:pm Annual Banquet \$50.00
Speaker: Ms. Sara Saunders
Manuscript Archivist, Atlanta Historical Center

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Hotel Rooms \$89.00 single or double. Make your reservation with the hotel,
be sure to ask for our block; 1-800-445-867 or 1-404-767-9000.
Overnight parking \$5.00; self park \$4.00. Deadline August 31st.

The URLs were extracted from a URL card file (on genealogy-related sites) that I maintain at the Russellville, Arkansas, Public Library where I work part time.

Ms. Laura L. Shull, Treasurer, Arkansas Society CSDIW

URLs for Indian Ancestry Research Sites

- Native American Genealogy (Links include Rolls, Maps): <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/>
- Native American Links - A listing by state and tribe of land patents: <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/patent/>
- Wichita and Caddo Nations, Oklahoma Territory (good links list): <http://www.rootsweb.com/~itwicht/>
- Index to the Final Rolls of the Citizens & Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory - Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Seminole Nations: <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/finalroll>
- Chickamuga-Cherokee-Commanche site: <http://www.comanchelodge.com/>
- Red Nation of the Cherokee (has good links page) - Cherokee Nations & Tribes, state recognized tribes, independent tribes: <http://www.rednation.org>
- Choctaws - Includes 1885 Choctaw Nation census and several other links: <http://www.choctaw-web.com/>
- Seminole Nation Indian Territory - Links include military units and burials, tribal leaders, Five Civilized Tribes: <http://www.seminolenation-indianterritory.org/>

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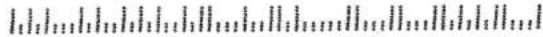


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_____ Reservations for Banquet at \$50.00 each \$ _____

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