

Local DAR highlights spies in the American Revolution

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March 3, 2011 - A large crowd of members and guests enjoyed a wonderful look into the journeys of five spies who served during the American Revolution. Dr. Wendell and Linda Edwards presented a wealth of information on five spies who greatly contributed to the Revolution.

Enoch Crosby, John Honeyman, Martha Bratton, Lydia Darragh and Nancy Morgan Heart all sacrificed their own lives, as well as the lives of their families for American victory.

Crosby is considered the first Secret Agent in the United States. Honeyman helped guide Washington's soldiers to victory at the Battle of Trenton. Bratton is known for setting fire to a trail of gunpowder that was hidden on her property to keep the British from stealing it. Darragh, a Quaker, allowed the British to meet at her house. She was able to leak information to Washington's troops about surprise attacks. When asked if she had leaked information, she replied, "It was I who did it. Let the consequence be what it will, I glory in having prevented the mischief contemplated by the cruel enemies of my country."

Heart posed as a man in many instances to gain valuable information from the British. She is most known for hanging six British soldiers near her home, along with the help of her husband, after shooting two of them in her home.

In chapter business, Regent Betsy Sterkel reminded the crowd that the New Andrews Sisters will return to Bonham for a performance on April 14 at the Bonham VAC at 1:30.

Dot Linn reminded members and guests that the VA is in need of materials for the greenhouse. Seeds, potting soil and flower pots (new and used) are needed for spring gardening.

The George Blakey Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday, March 19 at American Bank of Texas in Bonham at 2 p.m. Membership is open to all women over the age of 18. If you are interested in joining, contact Shirley Harman at 903-623-3151 or email shrly_harman@yahoo.com.