

OLD WALTON ROAD CHAPTER DAR CHARTERED

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The Old Walton Road Chapter was chartered on April 12, 1930, and the first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Stephen Hayden Young on April 17, 1930, in Cookeville, Putnam County, TN. Mrs. Clara Cox Epperson was the Organizing Regent.

*(Clara Cox Epperson pictured right. She was the d/o Robert Alexander Cox & Nancy Joseph Draper Cox). (*See Clara Cox Epperson story and verse and prose of Clara Cox Epperson).*

Mrs. Epperson was a celebrated author, poet, and teacher, once named Poet Laureate of Tennessee, and was active in local civic and literary organizations. In 1920 she was Book Chairman for the Book Lovers Club which established the Putnam County Library in 1923. The library was originally named the Clara Cox Epperson Library in her honor.

Projects of this chapter over the years have included a strong focus on education and encouragement of our children to be interested in our country's history and accomplishments of her patriots. We continue to provide American History, Good Citizens, and ROTC awards every year.

Cookeville is the county seat for Putnam, located in central Tennessee and lies within the geographic regions of Cumberland Plateau, Eastern Highland Rim, and Central Basin. Cookeville is about 80 miles east of Nashville, 100 miles west of Knoxville, and 95 miles north-west of Chattanooga. *(Putnam County Tennessee 1850-1970, by Mary Jean DeLozier, 1979.)*

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 17 April 1930

OLD WALTON ROAD DAR CHAPTER IS ORGANIZED:

The organization of The Old Walton Road Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Cookeville has been completed with the following members, and officers: Regent, Mrs. Clara Cox Epperson; Vice Regent, Mrs. Robert Lowe; Recording Secretary, Mrs. David L. High; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. M. Bullington; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Benton Carlen; Registrar, Mrs. W. J. Holladay; Historian, Mrs. S. Hayden Young; Chaplain, Mrs. J. Lee Epperson; Librarian, Mrs. W. A. Howard. The other members of the twelve are Miss Nola Byrne, Monterey; Mrs. Ofa Boyd Johnson, Sacramento, CA; Mrs. Willard Johnson Menzies, Scaramento, CA.

A number of other papers are being completed and the lines established will make it possible to form a large chapter.

The name Old Walton Road was chosen to commemorate the old road through this section of Tennessee, made by Captain William Walton, a Revolutionary soldier, over which road the early settlers came from Virginia, North Carolina and other states to settle in Tennessee.

William Walton went into the war at the age of seventeen years, serving until its close and winning the rank of Captain. He emigrated to the Cumberland settlement in 1785, and located his military land warrant on the North bank of the Cumberland River at its confluence with Caney Fork River, in 1786. Later he built the road which bears his name, completing it in 1801, one hundred miles in length with four famous "stands" for the accommodation of traveler's: Kimbrought's on the eastern foot of the mountain; Crab

Orchard, on the mountain plateau in Cumberland county; White Plains, in Putnam county, on the western foot of the mountain, and Pekin in Putnam county.

It is fitting that this road and the work of Captain William Walton should be commemorated in the naming of the first organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution in this section.

2004-2007 Chapter Officers

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Regent Ronda Walker Vice Regent Jennifer Golz Chaplain Carol Frankowski Rec. Secretary Myrna Sue Nettleton Corr. Secretary Kendra Huseman Treasurer Claude Ann Burton Registrar Jessie Watts Historian Dot Brodhag Librarian Fran Benedict Parliamentarian Martha Willis



Stephen Hayden Young & wife, Effie Boyd Young, & children: Lillian Young, who married Roy Brown; Elsie Young, married Madden Phillips; and Charles Young, who married Marie Cook. Effie was the d/o Alexander Lafayette & Nancy Elizabeth (Nichols) Boyd. Stephen was the s/o Charles Coker & Catherine Annette (Burton) Young. Alexander Lafayette Boyd was the s/o Bransford Boyd, who died in the Civil War in August, 1861.

Photo Courtesy, Miriam Gwaltney & Lillian Young Brown, d/o Stephen Hayden Young and Effie Boyd Young.



Stephen Hayden Young



Stephen Hayden Young & wife, Effie Gray (Boyd) Young Wedding Picture 1902 - Picture courtesy of Charles Stephen Young, his ancestry is as follows: William Pennington Quarles & Nancy Ann Hawes – Charles Burton & Elizabeth Jane Quarles – Stephen Decatur Burton & Mary Davis Goodbar – Charles Coker Young & Catherine Annette Burton – Stephen Hayden Young & Effie Boyd – Charles Coker Young & Marie Cook – Charles Stephen “Steve” Young & Antonia D’ Alessandro.



Stephen Hayden Young & wife, Effie Boyd Young & their daughter Lillian Morgan Young ca. 1909. Lillian married Roy Brown. Picture courtesy of Charles Stephen Young,

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STATE CONFERENCE DAR TO MEET IN COOKEVILLE IN '34

More than 150 delegates from all parts of the state will meet in Cookeville Nov. 8, 9, and 10, this year for the 29th annual Tennessee state conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Robert Lowe, regent of the Old Walton Road Chapter here, announced today.

Mrs. Lowe said that the Cookeville chapter was offered the honor of entertaining the conference, and that acceptance and invitation was sent this week and acknowledged by Mrs. Allen Harris, of Johnson City, state regent.

Mrs. Harris will attend a flag day meeting here next Thursday when the Old Walton Road Chapter and the Rockhouse Chapter, of Sparta, will act as joint hostesses at the home of Mrs. Q. M. Smith on the Tech campus.

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