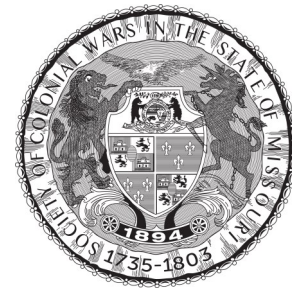


# Bravely for Country



The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Missouri

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## Winter Court Held

In this premature summer that St. Louis is experiencing, it is nice to reminisce about the Missouri Society's Winter Court convened at the St. Louis Country Club on December 9, 2017. The club was bedecked with festive Christmas greenery inside and out. We were ushered into our room with a most excellent fire to assist with the ambiance of the occasion. About two dozen members and guests attended.

The three course meal of the evening included a squash soup, beef tenderloin and vegetables, and a delectable ice cream. The fare was superb.

Registrar Sumner Hunnewell was again called on to give the program. "Another Look at the Great Swamp Fight of 19 December 1675" was to acquaint members with a defining battle of King Phillip's War. The talk laid out the facts precipitating the attack of the forces of New Plymouth, Massachusetts Bay, and Connecticut colonies upon the native Narragansets in Rhode Island – popularly known as "The Great

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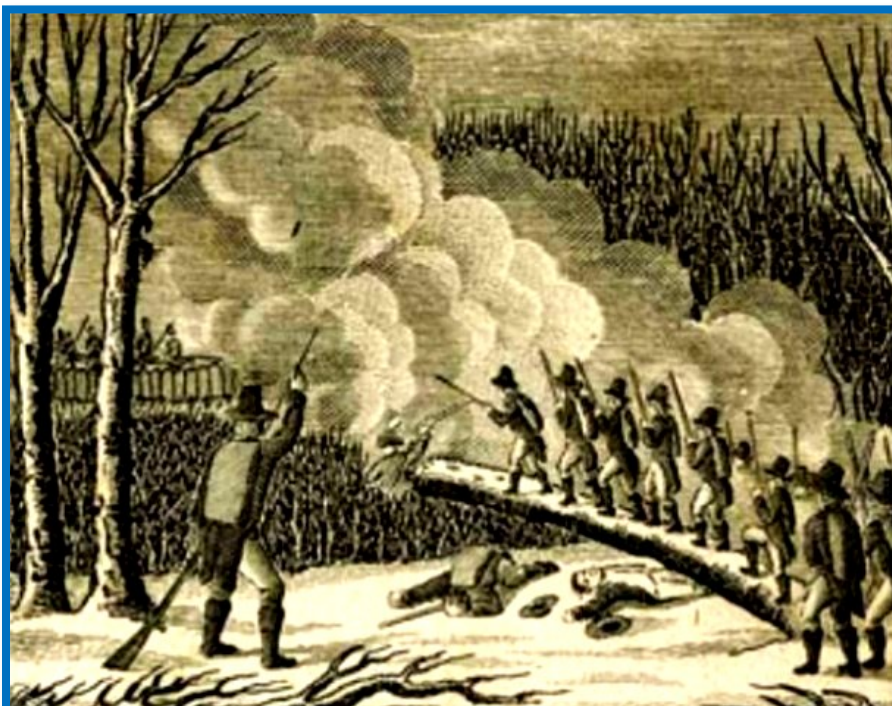


Illustration of the Great Swamp Fight

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## The Great Swamp Fort Fight

The motivation for the colonial governments to attack the Narragansets were many and varied.

Throughout the summer of 1675, New England towns experienced or feared native attacks. From the outbreak of the war in June and into the fall, native tribes assaulted or destroyed the towns of Swansea, Rehoboth, Middleborough, Brookfield, Deerfield, Hatfield, Northampton, and Springfield.

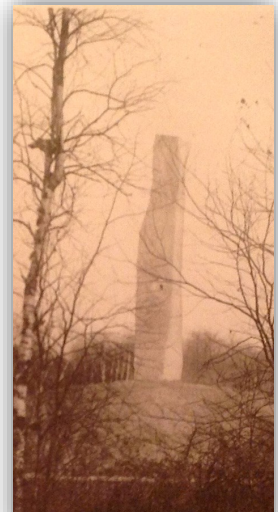
The Narragansets were a neutral party. However, some of that tribe were identified in westernmost raids. The Narragansets also harbored what were considered by the colonial governments as enemies: older men, women, children, and wounded warriors of Philip or tribes allied with him. There was also fear by the New Englanders that the Narragansets would eventually side with Philip.

Once deadlines passed to turn over these enemies, the United Colonies declared war.

But the colonies did not know the location of the Narraganset stronghold...

Swamp (or Narraganset) Fort Fight.” The discussion also explained the aftermath of the destruction of the fort: the colonists’ retreat, the effects it had on Rhode Island, and land bounties provided to the colonial soldiers years later.

The Fort Fight is also significant to the General Society and other State Societies. The first General Court held at Delmonico’s of the “Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New-York” was held on December 19, 1892. The Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts held its first General Court on December 21, 1894, and the address was given by George M. Bodge about the Fort Fight. A dozen years later, the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Societies erected a monument on the site - the Rhode Island Society printing the Proceedings later in the year. And, in 1912, the Rhode Island Society reprinted (in conjunction with the General Convention of the Society held in Providence) a 1676 account of the Fort Fight, *A farther Brief and True Narration of the Late Wars Risen in New-England*.



Monument placed at the purported site of the battle

The only question came from Governor Barnes, “How could you fit 400 wigwams into five or six acres?” The author refers all to George Bodge’s *The Narraganset Fort Fight* (1886) or Bodge’s indispensable *Soldiers in King Philip’s War* (1906).

## February Business Meeting

The Society held its Winter Business Court at the St. Louis Country Club on February 3. Our membership has increased by five new members: John Chittenden Shapleigh, Wayne Scott Davis, John Gillespie Borders, Joshua Sean Gillihan-Young, and Sherburne Dunn.

Our treasury grew as well, so the Society allocated moneys to the First Regiment of Foote, Les Amis du Fort de Chartres, the Missouri History Museum, and Young Audiences of Missouri’s “The Colonial Peasant Woman” program, which presents Colonial American stories to school children.

Historian Joe Carpenter set the date for a spring picnic event in coordination with the Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Missouri. The event would take place at a historic home in Pevely, Missouri, above the Mississippi.

The Missouri Society’s slate of candidates for the years 2018-2020 was presented and agreed upon (see back page). All business completed, the meeting adjourned and a delightful buffet lunch enjoyed by members and prospects.





Greystone Manor, a historic home overlooking the Mississippi River

## Picnic at Greystone Manor

When you look up “idyllic” in the dictionary, you see a picture of “Greystone Manor,” the site of the Society’s spring picnic. Built on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River, the 1867 stone house is like the TARDIS: it is bigger on the inside than it is on the outside. Our gracious hostess, Jane Gleason, provided the venue and tours of her home for the Society’s spring picnic.

In conjunction with Christy James of The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri, Society Historian Joe Carpenter arranged a day of food and entertainment at the manor house in Pevely, Missouri.

This year St. Louis is suffering from seasonal confusion. Our traditional warm, pleasant April day turned out cool and breezy with a few raindrops thrown in to make things interesting. Even then, the turnout was surprisingly well attended with members of both Societies along with other hereditary societies represented.

We had twofold entertainment. The first were the men and women from across the River, the First Royal Artillery Regiment of Foote and the Les Compagnies Franches de la Marines du Fort de Chartres. They brought with them their weaponry of flintlocks and a 1.00 caliber Brown Bess. The latter’s discharge was



Les Amis

## Apple Tourtier (Meat Pie)

### Ingredients:

2 pie crusts  
3 slices bacon, finely chopped  
1½ cups finely chopped onion  
1 pound ground fresh pork  
2 cups chopped apples, peeled  
1 teaspoon thyme leaves  
salt and pepper to taste  
½ teaspoon nutmeg

### Directions:

In a large skillet over medium heat, cook the bacon until it begins to brown, about 5 minutes. Add the onions and sauté until tender and golden, about 10 minutes.

Add the ground pork and cook until no traces of pink remain, about 5 minutes. Stir in the apples, thyme, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Transfer the pork mixture to a shallow bowl, cover and refrigerate until slightly cooled, about 15 minutes.

Heat the oven to 400 degrees.

Line the bottom of a 9-inch pie plate with one of the crusts. Add the cooled pork and apple filling, spreading it in an even layer. Place the remaining crust on top, then pinch and crimp the edges together. Make several small slits in the top crust for venting. Bake pie for 35 to 45 minutes, until the crust is golden. Makes one pie, which serves 6-8.

cannon-like and greatly appreciated by all but the smallest in the crowd. The reenactors brought along the tools of their trade, which they explained to the more inquisitive.



The French and British take aim and fire!

Secondly, Suzanne Corbett, culinary historian and author, demonstrated her craft. She provided samples of both her Pork and Apple Tourtier and Tarte Aux Pommes to the attendees, while explaining how they were made as well as foodstuffs available in colonial times.

The STL French Quarter food truck furnished a varied selection of Cajun lunches and beverages. Everyone was very satisfied with a hot meal during such a cool day!



Suzanne Corbett

## Rendezvous at Fort de Chartres

The Missouri Society, the Illinois Society, and The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri plan on a cocktails and dinner on June 1 at the St. Louis Racquet Club. The following day, June 2, a field trip via bus will be traveling to Fort de Chartres in Prairie du Rocher, Illinois, for the Fort's annual rendezvous.

For prices and details contact Joe Carpenter (314-277-1829).

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*A colonist with the odd nickname of "Shortcake" married a Native American woman.*

*After many years he died.*

*When asked what she would do, the wife replied, "Squaw bury Shortcake."*