

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

The Fort Worth Chapter was organized on February 9, 1914, and takes its name from the tiny frontier Army outpost that was located on a bluff overlooking the Trinity River. This outpost would grow into the present day city of Fort Worth.

The chapter has the distinction of having had two ***Real Daughters***, first generation daughters of Revolutionary War patriots who were also members of the DAR. The daughters of Jonas Frazee, who enlisted in the militia under Captain Craig at Westfall, New Jersey, and again under Captain Scudder, became members during the first two years of the chapter's history. Mary Jane Frazee, who married Eli Skidmore, became a member of the Fort Worth Chapter December 9, 1914, when she was eighty-one years old, giving the Fort Worth Chapter the distinction of being one of four chapters in the nation having as a member a real daughter of the Revolution. Mrs. Skidmore faithfully attended meetings until her transfer in 1920 to the Major Francis Grice Chapter, Wichita Falls, where she remained a member until her death in 1923. Margaret Frazee, who married Michael Nery, was born June 17, 1841, and became a member of the Fort Worth Chapter on October 12, 1915, when she was seventy-four years old. In 1918 she transferred to the White River Chapter, Washington, Indiana. She remained a member there until her death in 1924.



One of the more important projects undertaken during the chapter's early years was the mounting and preservation of a rock used during pioneer days to break the first roads in Fort Worth. Circular in shape, this relic has a natural hole in the center through which a log chain was placed in order to attach the rock to a team of oxen. The first road cleared a path from the old fort to the homes of some settlers who had built outside the boundaries of the fort. Imbedded in the concrete base of this monument is a bronze plate carrying an inscription, together with the chapter name and insignia of the Society.

The Fort Worth Chapter has supported and continues to support many programs and activities that meet the mission of our Society – historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Some of these recent activities include placing wreaths on veterans' graves, providing school supplies for DAR supported schools, collecting labels for education, providing scholarships for high school seniors, sending phone cards, lip balm, and cards to wounded soldiers at the Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany, participating in grave marking ceremonies, sponsoring a USO Christmas party for children of Texas troops and supporting all troops by providing goodies for the USO room at the DFW Airport, making donations to the American Indian Youth Summer Camp program, and researching the history of the Fort Worth Chapter and its organizing charter members and honoring their memory with DAR Insignia grave markers.