

SCA – Book Club Archive meeting topics

2016	Book/Reading
June	<i>George Washington's Secret Six - The Spy Ring that saved the American Revolutions</i> by Brian Kilmeade
July	<i>Women Heroes of the Revolution: 20 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Defiance and Rescue</i> by Susan Casey
Aug	<i>Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold and the Fate of the American Revolution</i> by Nathaniel Philbrick
Sept	<i>Ladies of Liberty</i> by Cockie Roberts
Oct	<i>The Witches Salem, 1692</i> by Stacy Schiff
Nov	<i>Revolutionaries: A New History of the Invention of America</i> by Jack N. Rakove
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2017	
Jan	Genealogy discussion: comments on our Patriots
Feb	<i>Plain, honest men: The making of the American Constitution</i> by Richard R. Beeman.
March	Genealogy discussion: family artifacts with special meaning – old photos, letters, documents
April	<i>The Road to Concord: How Four Stolen Cannon Ignited the Revolutionary War</i> by J.L. Bell
May	Genealogy discussion: Story of her ancestor who arrived in Detroit from Canada and was a teacher in Adrian, MI
Jun	<i>The Loyalists</i> by Christopher Moore
July	Genealogy discussion: members shared various genealogy materials
Aug	<i>The Swamp Fox: How Francis Marion Saved the American Revolution</i> by John Oiler.

Sept	
Oct	Huguenots in Early America (The Historical Society of Pennsylvania articles 1-3) <i>1) The French Element Among Pennsylvania Germans</i> <i>2) The French Racial Strain in Colonial Pennsylvania</i> <i>3) American Privateers in French Ports, 1776-1778</i> <i>4) The Huguenot Society of America - Huguenot History</i>
Nov	
Dec	Holiday lunch
2018	
Jan	Genealogy discussion: childhood memories
Feb	<i>1776</i> by David McCullough
March	Genealogy discussion:
April	<i>Death By Petticoat, American History Myths Debunked</i> by Mary Miley Theobald.
May	Genealogy discussion:
June	<i>The Ghost Ship of Brooklyn</i> by Robert P. Watson
July	Genealogy discussion: wedding pictures
Aug	<i>Killing England</i> by Bill O'Reilly
Sept	Genealogy discussion:
Oct	<i>1621 A New Look at Thanksgiving</i> by Catherine by O'Neill Grace
Nov	Genealogy discussion:
Dec	Holiday lunch

2019	
Jan	No meeting
Feb	<i>I, Elizabeth Hamilton</i> by Susan Hollow
March	Genealogy discussion
Apr	<i>Founding Gardeners: The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the American Nation</i> by Andrea Wulf
May	Genealogy discussion
Jun	<i>Paul Revere's Ride</i> by David Hackett Fisher
Jul	No meeting
Aug	No meeting
Sept	No meeting
Oct	<i>The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution</i> by Sidney Kaplan
Nov	Genealogy: Family history stories
Dec	Holiday lunch
2020	
Jan	No meeting
Feb	<i>Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for America's Independence</i> by Carol Kerkin
March	Genealogy discussion: Pick two ancestors with whom you would like to talk. What would you ask them and why?
Apr	<i>Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War</i> by Nathaniel Philbrick

May	Music of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars Revolutionary War Battles
Jun	DAR Patriots
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Sept	<i>Jefferson's Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, in a Young America</i> by Catherine Kerrison
Oct	<i>The Lost Family: How DNA Testing Is Upending Who We Are</i> by Libby Copeland
Nov	Genealogy hints and finds
Dec	Holiday traditions in an ancestor's country of origin
2021	
Jan	<i>Ordinary Equality, DAR Members and the Road to Women's Suffrage 1890-1920</i> , compiled by Tracy Robinson and Courtney Peter, NSDAR
Feb	Tom Tudor's presentation "Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier"
March	<i>The Pioneers</i> by David McCullough.
Apr	<p>The Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia Source material C-SPAN3 https://www.c-span.org/video/?426693-1/museum-american-revolution-opens-philadelphia</p> <p>YouTube https://youtu.be/5AcmW0-Tq2E</p> <p>Museum website: https://www.amrevmuseum.org/learn-and-explore/read-the-revolution</p> <p>2003 David McCullough: <i>The Course of Human Events</i> at The 2003 Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities (audio and text available at AADL)</p>

May	<i>Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and their Astonishing Odyssey Home</i> by Richard Bell
Jun	Our Pioneer Ancestors – Members will share information or stories about her ancestor(s) who were pioneers, sometimes known as community planters.
Jul	No meeting
Aug	No meeting
Sept	<i>The British Are Coming: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775-1777. (The Revolutionary trilogy book 1)</i> by Rick Atkinson
Oct	2001 Carlisle History article: <i>Noble Purposes and Labors of Love Answering the Call on the Home Front</i> by Christine Ameruri
Nov	Franklin and Washington: The Founding Partnership by Edward J. Larson.
Dec	Holiday luncheon
2022	
Jan	<i>The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek</i> by Kim Michele Richardson
Feb	Members were invited to share information about her membership in other lineage societies, family associations, or historical. Suggested questions: 1) Why did you join the society? 2) Who are your ancestors in the society? 3) What is your society's mission? 4) What special projects does your society support? 5) What are the requirements for membership? 6) How many members are in the society nationally? in Michigan? 7) How often does the local chapter meet? 8) Why do you continue to renew your membership? 9) Are there other SCA members in your society?
Mar	<i>Founding Martyr: The Life and Death of Dr. Joseph Warren, the American Revolution's Lost Hero</i> by Christian Di Spigna
Apr	Topic: Your Personal Genealogy Moment 1. Let us know about your toughest single ancestor search. 2. What were your roadblocks? 3. What resources did you use? 4. How did you finally reach your final "aha" moment? 5. Are there any tips you can give us?
May	<i>How Disease Affected The Military During The American Revolution</i> by Jack Darrell Crowder

Jun	End of year activity.
Jul	No Meeting
Aug	No Meeting
Sept	<i>The Taking of Jamma Boone</i> by Matthew Pearl
Oct	Native Americans in the Revolutionary War
Nov	<i>Wild Women of Michigan</i> by Norma Lewis
Dec	Holiday luncheon
2023	
Jan	Ken Burns: Benjamin Franklin, movie
Feb	<i>The Women of the Copper County</i> by Mary Doria Russell
Mar	<p>We'll investigate how veterans of the Revolutionary War and the Civil War were treated at home after their service was completed. Did they get the government compensation they were promised? Were they motivated to move west as a result after the Rev War? How was their health and wealth affected by the conflict? Were they treated as heroes by their communities? What about the Confederate veterans? Were they shunned? Were divided families with opposing views able to reconcile? What are the stories of your own ancestors?</p> <p>Perhaps these stories will answer some of these questions. I know that at least three members of the book club plan to share these.</p>
Apr	<i>The Book Woman's Daughter</i> by Kim Michele Richardson
May	The Star Spangled Banner
June	No Meeting

July	No Meeting
Aug	No Meeting
Sept	<i>The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams</i> by Stacy Schiff
Oct	Luncheon – Carlyle Grill
Nov	<i>Switchboard Soldiers</i> by J. Chiaverini
Dec	Holiday Luncheon
2024	
Jan	In the spirit of reflection done for New Year's and that we all stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, each member is invited to share a 5 -10 minute description of the thing(s) for which she is grateful her ancestor(s) did.
Feb	<i>The Butchering Art: Joseph Lister's Quest to Transform the Grisly World of Victorian Medicine</i> by Lindsey Fitzharris
Mar	Where our patriot(s) is/are buried/.
Apr	<i>Frozen River: A Novel</i> by Ariel Lawhon
May	Luncheon
Jun	No Meeting
Jul	No Meeting
Aug	No Meeting
Sept	<i>Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge</i> by Erica Armstrong Dunbar
Oct	Revolutionary War sites, based on our personal experiences at that site

Nov	<i>American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans</i> by Eve LaPlante
Dec	Holiday Luncheon – Thursday, December 12
2025	
Jan	Interesting ancestor - each member will have the opportunity to share information about an ancestor she finds interesting and why. This can be any ancestor in her family tree, It is not limited to those in a direct line to a DAR patriot.
Feb	<i>Hero of Two Worlds: The Marquis de Lafayette in the Age of Revolution</i> by Mike Duncan
Mar	Another interesting ancestor - each member will have the opportunity to share information about an ancestor she finds interesting and why. This can be any ancestor in her family tree, It is not limited to those in a direct line to a DAR patriot.
Apr	<i>First Ladies</i> by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
May	Lunch – location
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July	No Meeting
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