



Sons of the American Revolution
The Mississippi Society



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SAR and DAR Recognize Revolutionary War First Daughter

On October 10, 2022, Revolutionary War First Daughter Rebecca Nelson Williams was honored at a public service with a grave marking by the Tombigbee Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and William Gray Chapter, National Society Sons of the American Revolution. The dedication service was conducted at the Old Aberdeen Cemetery in Aberdeen. Highlighting the occasion were representatives from the Mississippi Society Sons of the American Revolution Society Color Guard dressed in period uniforms.

The grave was marked with a distinctive bronze marker. An American flag was appropriately placed at the front of the marker. After unveiling the marker at the grave site, Chapter Regent Constance Hamilton welcomed all those in attendance. Cindy Mangum, DAR MS State Regent and Amy Riley, President of the Monroe County Historical Society offered remarks. A brief biography of the Rebecca Nelson Williams father, Patriot John Nelson was presented by Jack Hamilton, Past President of the William Gray Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Rebecca Nelson Williams's story was offered by Constance Borgford Hamilton, Tombigbee Chapter Regent, Daughters of the American Revolution. Judge Toby Winston of Pontotoc and a

member of the William Gray chapter, SAR portrayed his Patriot ancestor, Patrick Henry.



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Presenting the colors were Ron Humphrey, Buddy Irving, Jack Hamilton, Mississippi State Society President Tommy Thompson, and Color Guard Commander Dr. Bryant Boswell.



*(L-R) Ron Humphrey, Buddy Irving, Jack Hamilton, Tommy Thompson, Dr. Bryant Boswell
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