



***Rockford  
Chapter  
NSDAR***

CELEBRATING 126 YEARS



# ***The First Meeting October 19, 1894***

- Regent Adaline E. Talcott Emerson
- Other officers were:  
Vice Regent Sarah Adeline Potter Lathrop  
Recording Secretary Carrie S. Brett  
Registrar Emma F. B. Early  
Treasurer Emma S. Wilder Derwent



# *Report of First Meeting From American Monthly December 1894*

**ROCKFORD CHAPTER.**—Pursuant to a request from Mrs. Kerfoot, the State Regent, Mrs. Ralph Emerson called together the charter members of this Chapter to observe the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown October 19, 1781. The meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Emerson, Regent of the Chapter, October 19, 1894. In addition to the twelve charter members, there were present Mrs. Haven, Mrs. Spaulding, and Mrs. Mary Spaulding Brown, of Chicago; Mrs. Barden, of Dubuque, and Mrs. Marston, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, each of whom contributed much to the interest of the occasion. The meeting, being the first since the formation of the Chapter, was entirely informal. The notice was so short there had been little time for preparation, and in lieu of any formal paper on the surrender of Cornwallis, Mrs. Emerson read the "articles of convention between General Burgoyne and Major General Gates" from a copy of the original which is in the possession of a member of her family. After the reading the ladies were invited to partake of a very dainty luncheon, after which the topic of the day was discussed and many interesting incidents related. Among others, Mrs. Haven gave an account of how the day was celebrated in her native town in Connecticut in an early day. Many of the inhabitants, gathering in an open field adjoining a forest and personating the opposing sides, engaged in sham battles and other patriotic sports, calling it "a Cornwallis." One member of the Chapter counts nine of her relatives as having been en-

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gaged in the battle of Bunker Hill; one member counts five, and others four, three, and two. The Chapter begins its career with much enthusiasm and promise of increasing patriotism and good fellowship.—CARRIE S. BRITT, *Secretary*.



# *Charter Members*

- Fanny C. Talcott (Mrs. William)
- Sarah Adeline Potter Lathrop (Mrs. William)
- Mary T. Brown (Mrs. Horace)
- Mary A. Baker (Mrs. H.N.)
- Mary Louise Hyatt Graham (Mrs. Byron)
- Adaline E. Talcott Emerson (Mrs. Ralph)
- Harriet E.E. Hinchliff (Mrs. William)
- Emma S. Wilder Derwent (Mrs. Luther)
- (Miss) Harriet Blakeman
- Abby Warren Spafford (Mrs.)
- Carrie Spafford Brett (Mrs.)

***Rockford  
Chapter is  
Chartered  
April 16,  
1926***

- Our Charter was signed and presented April 16, 1926 when Anna May Bowman was Illinois State Regent and Lora Haines Cook was President General.
- We were the 102nd Chapter Chartered by National.



# Rockford Chapter NSDAR Charter

