

# News From DAR Headquarters

Americana Collection: a proclamation for Thanksgiving Day by Samuel Huntington, President, State of Massachusetts-Bay, 1779, and a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation by John Hancock, Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1781. Both statements offer thanks for blessings bestowed on the colony. Huntington's proclamation specifically focuses on the good fortune of his ancestors as he offers "gratitude and praise for the wonders which [God's] goodness has wrought in conducting our forefathers to this Western World" while Hancock's declaration petitions Providence "to assist and support the United States of America in their important struggle for liberty against the long continued efforts of a powerful nation." Both documents are available for research use in the Americana Room weekdays 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact the Historian General's Office by e-mail: [historian@dar.org](mailto:historian@dar.org) or by telephone: (202) 879-3256.

Sources: NSDAR Americana Collection, Smithsonian Institution, Library of Congress

## Office of the Librarian General

To maintain the DAR Library as one of the premier genealogical libraries, new materials must continue to be added. Donations of books or funds to purchase them help keep our DAR Library up-to-date. Please encourage chapters and members to contribute:

- Family histories and genealogies
- Local histories for communities and counties
- Genealogical and historical periodicals and journals (including back issues and runs)

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For those interested in seeing a list of newly donated materials, check the DAR

## DAR MUSEUM FEAT FROM THE CO

This highly unusual earthenware sauce tureen made in Staffordshire, England, about 1800. A in plain white, the original purchaser chose a w green, brown and aqua. To make it even more realistic, the decorator chose to depict the veining on each of the leaves. Note also the ladle's handle in the shape of a stick! Tureens in the form of fruit were very popular during the 18th and early 19th centuries and from them were served "sweet sauces" of melted butter and sugar pour dumpling and custard.

The tureen is signed by the maker Enoch W at age nine as a potter for the famous Josiah V

