

TO COMMEMORATE FORT DECATUR

GALES FERRY C. A. R. SOCIETY UNVEILS A BOULDER

The unveiling of the boulder at Fort Decatur by the Belton Allyn society, C. A. R. of Gales Ferry, occurred Saturday afternoon. At 3 o'clock the members of this society marched from the residence of Harmon Perkins, accompanied by their officers and the state director, with waving flags and banners, up the circuitous and lovely path that have been recently laid out on the picturesque Allyn's mountain to Fort Decatur. They were met by many friends gathered there to witness the unveiling of this beautifully formed boulder on Fort Decatur, which is so historical.

The program opened with the salute to the flag, the singing of America and sketch of "Fort Decatur" by Charles W. Pierce, the society historian.

Then followed the unveiling of the boulder by Miss Violet E. Perkins, a lineal descendant of the Thomas Allyn who owned the surrounding territory at the time of the erection of Fort Decatur. Miss Perkins is of the fifth generation, on the maternal side, now residing on the property, which has never passed out of the family during all these years.

READING THE INSCRIPTION.

The inscription on the boulder, which was cut by John Salter & Son, of Groton, was then read by the president, Mrs. William Henry Molithrop, and is as follows: "This boulder was marked by the Belton Allyn society, C. A. R. of Gales Ferry, as being the north boundary of Fort Decatur which was erected in the years 1815 and 1814, to protect Decatur's fleet from the British."

An able address was then made by the state director of the C. A. R., Mrs. Cuthbert Harrison Stocomb.

DEWEY HONORED.

This preceded the singing of "Yankee Dewey" to the tune of "Yankee Doodle" and the passing of a resolution, suggested by the state director, that the Belton Allyn society, C. A. R., adopt the paraphrase "Yankee Dewey" as their national "Yankee Doodle" for all time in commemoration of Commodore Dewey's signal victory at Manila on Sunday, May 1st, 1898. That they through their state director call upon all Connecticut's C. A. R., to join them in thus honoring the man who when leaving Washington to join his squadron in the far east, laughingly promised his sorrowing friends "the next news you have of me will be that I have thrashed the Spaniards before breakfast." He kept his word and thereafter proved himself as merciful as he is brave.

And be it further resolved that our state director, through the medium of our president of the national society, urge all the Children of the American Revolution throughout the country to unite with Connecticut in thus honoring our victor and navy; and that a copy of these resolutions with a copy of "Yankee Dewey" be forwarded to Admiral Dewey and his gallant officers as speedily as possible.

Rev. J. B. Ackley spoke in an interesting manner on the war of 1812; its causes and its result. A fervent prayer, and the benediction by Rev. W. C. Newell of Uncasville closed the exercises on this beautiful May day at Fort Decatur.

Refreshments were afterward served by Mrs. Harmon Perkins at her residence.

THE PATRIOTIC CHILDREN.

The members of this society who have so deeply interested themselves in this patriotic work are: President, Mrs. William Henry Molithrop; vice president, Mrs. Della Louise Fish; secretary, Miss Alice Hurlbutt; treasurer, Miss Mary Helena Hurlbutt; registrar, Miss Ella Comstock; historian, Master Charles W. Pierce; besides Mabel Lee Smith, John Lyman Richards, Lizzie Evelyn Richards, Rufus Woodbridge Hurlbutt, Carroll Solomon Hurlbutt, Henry Arthur Allyn, Frank Everett Allyn, Lester Leroy Allyn, Annetta Hurlbutt, Violet E. Perkins, Minnie Agnes Arents, Lester N. Hurlbutt, Frank Roy Hurlbutt.

The children are delighted with the success of their effort, and are anxious to have all the Children of the American Revolution in the state visit Fort Decatur and see what an ideal historic spot they have chosen, overlooking their village on the Thames.

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