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Frankly Speaking –

## United States Declaration of Independence History from 1776 to Now!

by Frank Jordan

Let's set the record straight – The original Declaration of Independence was first passed by the Continental Congress on July 2, 1776. A revised draft by Thomas Jefferson passed on July 4, 1776, but was signed only by John

Hancock as Continental Congress President and the Congress Secretary. The Declaration boldly signed by the 55 Continental Congress delegates, including John Hancock, occurred on August 2, 1776. You can pop those firecrackers for an entire month now while celebrating the signed birth date of the Declaration of Independence!

But who besides John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence passed on July 4th and where is it today? John Hancock and Charles Thomson, the Continental Congress Secretary and not a delegate, were the only original signers and that original copy was and is LOST! The other delegates for myriad reasons had left town before signing the document now in the National Archives and recognized as our Declaration of Independence.

Charles Thomson as secretary had printer John Dunlap prepare 500 copies of a smaller unsigned version in a flyer format known as "Broad-sides." The 500 Dunlap Broad-sides were sent to each Continental Congress delegate and the King of England, with the remainder to various public posting areas for citizen awareness.

Today only 25 copies of the original 500 Dunlap Broad-sides are known to exist. Value? A rare copy of a Dunlap Broadside was discovered recently in a flea market that was purchased for \$4 and then sold at auction for \$8.4 million! But what did John Hancock and all those delegates sign that is now in the National Archives?

The Founding Fathers wanted a magnificent manuscript on vellum to record their signatures. After weeks in preparation, a single manuscript Declaration was signed on August 2, 1776 by 55 delegates of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. The sole signed Declaration manuscript was circulated throughout the colonies, becoming torn and smudged. Did you know the famous signed Declaration manuscript was then hidden and protected until after the Revolutionary War by John Quincy Adams as Secretary of State?

While others wanted a Declaration copy, Adams wanted the only Declaration signed by the Founders to be in the National Archives for proper

safety and preservation. On July 4, 1823, 47 years after signing, John Quincy Adams, as Secretary of State prior to becoming President in 1825, addressed the issue.

A new process described as "wet ink transfer" was used involving a solution that literally absorbed ink from the original Declaration in reverse print on a copper plate. William Stone then took over three years to painstakingly engrave a version from this imprint in copper with reversed lettering, so exact Declaration copies could be printed.

After completion, John Adams had 201 copies printed on vellum with ink as close as possible in composition to the original. The President, VP, Governors, Jefferson and the Marquis De Lafayette (for recognition of aid given the colonies in the Revolutionary War) all received copies of what became known as the "Stone Declaration."

The chemical solution used in the transfer process for the Stone Declaration copies has made the original signed Declaration fade to the point it is barely legible on display today in the National Archives. I was shocked when seeing this impaired condition personally. The Declaration versions seen in books and

articles are almost always of the later Stone copies with only 31 first-print copies known to exist with 170 lost. After 900 additional smaller size Stone Declarations were printed in 1849 and three in 1976, the copper plate used in printing was retired.

The "consent of the governed" in the Declaration of Independence is expressed by our right as U.S. citizens to vote for our elected representatives in sanctioned elections. Consent of the governed is determined by elections in which votes are cast by legitimate (and living) U.S. citizens and counted in accord with the Constitution. Unjustified are illegal interferences with legal election audits to prevent review of election ballots and vote totals for accuracy.

Frankly speaking, make a personal declaration of independence by supporting those, regardless of political party, who realize and recognize the government should serve the governed as the United States of America. Horses pulling a wagon in different directions goes nowhere and only wrecks the wagon. Let's start pulling together and recognize our biggest threat to wrecking our national wagon is neither Russia nor a foreign power, but us!

## Hargrave named to ACU Dean's Honor Roll

ABILENE, TX - Abilene Christian University congratulates Emma Hargrave of Dayton on being named to the Spring 2026 Dean's Honor Roll. Hargrave is a junior majoring in Finance.

Hargrave is among more than 1,800 students named to the Spring 2026 Dean's Honor Roll. To qualify, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher.

# OBITUARY

### • NANCY CHAMBERS

Nancy Chambers, a fifth-generation Texan, was born in Liberty, Texas, on February 8, 1961, and passed away on June 19, 2026, in Kingwood, Texas. Nancy lived a life defined by kindness, integrity, curiosity, and love for others. Known for her honesty, generosity, and genuine concern for people, she left a lasting impression on everyone she met. While attending the University of Texas at Austin, Nancy became involved in humanitarian and social justice causes that reflected her deep concern for others. During that time, she met Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former President Jimmy Carter, and Soviet human rights activist Yuri Orlov. These encounters strengthened her belief that one person can make a difference. For 36 years, Nancy shared a devoted marriage with Larry, her beloved husband and partner. Together they built a life



centered on family, their cherished dogs and cats, and their home in Moss Hill. A lifelong reader and learner, Nancy dedicated her career to connecting people with books and knowledge. She served as a librarian for Liberty ISD, Dayton ISD, Austin Public Library, Harris County Law Library, Moody Medical Library at UTMB, Liberty Municipal Library, and Sno-Isles Libraries in Washington. Among her many roles, her favorite may have been serving as a bookmobile librarian, bringing books, story times, and friendship to rural communities throughout Snohomish and Island counties. Nancy found joy in nature, tending gardens and fruit trees, observing wildlife, and caring for the land she loved. She was working toward certification as a Texas Master Naturalist and was passionate about music, finding beauty and meaning in every genre and era. Nancy's legacy lives on through the many lives she touched with compassion, wisdom, generosity, and countless quiet acts of kindness. Nancy was preceded in death by her par-

ents, Billie Blanche Mullins Chambers and Allan Chambers; sisters, Ann Chambers Beavers, Peggy Chambers, and Elizabeth "Betsy" Chambers; her niece, Shelley Beavers; her nephew, Reed Spiers; and great-niece, Parker Beavers. Nancy is survived by her husband, Larry Buchholz; her brother, Tommy Chambers and wife Lee; her brothers-in-law, Tom Buchholz, Mike Dowden and wife Arleta, and Tim Dowden; her nephews, Tony Beavers, Thomas Koen, and Andrew Chambers; her nieces, Laurie Beavers Moreno, Paige Spiers Gorman, and Elizabeth Bond; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; her goddaughters, Katey Green and Alex Green. She also leaves behind her beloved rescue dogs, Gator, Petey, Daisy, and Sophie, and her cherished cats, Meshia, Lucy, Punkin, Rizzi, Spud, Hansel and Gretel, Big Min, Uno, Tilly, Molly, Joey Boi, and Mad Dog. A celebration of life honoring Nancy will be held at a later date. Information will be shared directly with family and friends and through local and social media.

## Sign up now for Raywood's School Supply Giveaway

RAYWOOD - Pre-register now for Raywood's School Supply Giveaway, hosted by Doris Lang Ministries. The event will be held Sat., July 18, in the Raywood gym from 12-1 p.m. Children, ages 5-18,

will receive free school supplies and student hygiene packs; child must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Families may receive a free bag of groceries. As always there will be fun and games for the kids, an amazing chil-

dren's presentation, themed decorations, and door prizes for the parents.

Supplies are limited to first come, first serve, while they last. To pre-register, call 512-762-2610 or email [clangministries@yahoo.com](mailto:clangministries@yahoo.com).



Sharon (Ubnoskye) Gray, Dayton High School Class of 1974, brought along husband Bill to the annual Dayton Pioneer Reunion in May.



Always good to see Carolyn (Hall) Martinson, Dayton High School Class of 1961, at the Dayton Pioneer Reunion.

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