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This year's camp promises to be an excellent one. We welcome all our new campers as well as our returning campers. Mr. Hal Shurtleff has assembled an exciting panel of instructors and planned fabulous extra curricular activities. ★



Camp Constitution 2015

Inside: Updated Cabin Contest Rules

Returning campers who have packed additional goodies for our cabin contest will want to take a peek at the latest wrinkle added to the contest rules. Just when you thought you had a handle on how to get your free pizza; it's time to re-evaluate. ★

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Hal Shurtleff – Camp Constitution Director

Camp Constitution is an all-volunteer association first formed in 2009. The camp offers classes and workshops on a number of subjects including U.S. History, the U.S. Constitution, current events, and how to be a freedom activist.

Our Eighth Annual Camp promises to be a great one. In addition to the classwork, a full-day field trip is planned. There will be plenty of free time for campers to pursue their interests: team sports, swimming, boating, indoor rock climbing etc. The camp is excited to welcome all our new and returning campers as well as our new staff. ★

Did You Know? CampConstitution.net has: A Blog ★ Camp Pictures Archive ★ Bookstore ★ Camp Document Archive
 Sam Blumenfeld Archive (with online phonics, math & handwriting tutor) <https://www.youtube.com/user/campconstitution>

Mr. Charles Everett



submarine. In 1974, he left the electronics field and assumed the role of National Director of Field Activities for the John Birch Society. In that capacity, Mr. Everett was instrumental in enticing Major League Baseball pitchers Eric Show, Dave Dravecky and Mark Thurmond to membership in the JBS.

Mr Everett is Camp Constitution Administrator and Co-Founder. Charlie graduated High School in Athens, Greece. His Father served in World War II.

In the 1960's, Charles served in the US Navy as an electronics tech on a nuclear

Mr. Everett has been in all fifty states, nine foreign countries, and lived in Germany and Greece for a short time. He has also crossed the Atlantic Ocean six times - four times on the water, once under the water and once over the water. ★

Mrs. Kris Anne Hall Returns in 2016 <http://krisannehall.com>



KrisAnne will connect the dots for you like no one else can! Host of The KrisAnne Hall Show, she pulls no punches, puts Liberty First and gives no quarter to those who hide behind party labels. Like no other host, KrisAnne will tell you what the founders had to say on today's relevant issues. ★



KrisAnne's Work Includes:

- Not a Living Breathing Document
- DVD series The Roots of Liberty
- Bedtime Stories for Budding Patriots
- Essential Stories for Junior Patriots
- In Defense of Liberty
- Path To Restoring America
- Sovereign Duty

KrisAnne Hall is an attorney and former prosecutor who travels the country teaching the Constitution and the history that gave us our founding documents.

Mr. John F McManus Re-Joins The Staff In 2016



Welcome Back Jack! - Camp Constitution offers a warm welcome to Jack McManus who returns to our 2016 staff.

Mr. McManus was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1935. At graduation from Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, he received a bachelor's degree in physics and a commission in the United States Marine Corps. After serving three years of active duty, he entered the field of electronics engineering, where he won an award from

the U.S. Air Force for designing a component used in fighter aircraft.

Jack left the engineering field in 1966 to accept a full-time position with the John Birch Society. Working closely with Founder Robert Welch for many years, he was named the Society's Public Relations Director and its official spokesman. In 1991, he was appointed President.

With his wife, Mary, Jack resides in Wakefield, Massachusetts. ★

REVEREND STEVEN L. CRAFT

The Reverend Steven Louis Craft holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, MA.. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Pastoral Counseling from Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. He has completed Clinical Pastoral Education at Boone Hospital Center, Columbia, Missouri. Rev. Craft is a member of the American Correctional Chaplains Association and is ordained as a Correctional

Chaplain with the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.. He formerly served as Correctional Chaplain at the Pine Prairie Correctional Center, the Missouri State Penitentiary and the Moshannon Valley Correctional Center in Central Pennsylvania. Reverend Craft is the Executive Director of Christian Citizenship Ministries, Inc.. He is co-author of "Virtue and Vice": A Fascinating Journey into

Spiritual Transformation. He is also the author of "Morality and Freedom": America's Dynamic Duo. He is also a motivational and inspirational speaker on issues involving race, religion, politics, and culture from a Christian, Black American, Conservative perspective. As a flexible, multi-faceted speaker, Reverend Craft can compose his message to meet a variety of



audiences, always promising an insightful and power-packed presentation. ★

<http://christiancitizenshipministries.org>

Earl C. Wallace, Author, Consultant, & Trainer



Earl is the pastor of Liberty Christian Fellowship Church, which developed from evangelism after God showed him that America is making the same

mistakes Israel made as stated in Judges 2:10 "And there arose another generation after them (Joshua and his generation) who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel." God showed Earl the history of how He divinely inspired men to seek the rights and freedoms expressed through the Ten Commandments, which America's Founding Fathers realized are God's way of saying we each have a right to do as commanded in 1-4 & 5, and we each have a right not to have Commandments 6-10 perpetrated against us. This application of Christianity to civic life made America a peaceful and stable society, ripe for the Great Awakening, and saw Christianity spread throughout our land.

As Earl began teaching the results of this

research he called "The Biblical Basis of the Bill of Rights" (3-BR), in firehouses and libraries, people came to Christ, and others rededicated their lives to the Lord. Earl started Bible studies with these converts and they formed Liberty Christian Fellowship Church. LCF uses a "whole passage" method of Bible teaching to ensure we get God's full and complete mindset on each topic within every particular passage. This delves deeper than politically correct topical sermons to show how all God's word applies to every aspect of life.

Pastor Earl teaches each summer at Camp Constitution, in Rindge NH, where in addition to the 3-BR program, he teaches other topics that are part of a book he is completing. Mr. Wallace wrote *The Three-Dimensional Leader: Negotiating Your Mission, Resources and Context*, which has been endorsed by three other world-renowned "leadership gurus." Earl has taught 3-D MRC Leadership throughout America, and in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. ★

The Three Dimensional Leader: Negotiating Your Mission, Resources and Context

Mr. McGonigle



Instructor- Mr. McGonigle spent 30 years in the building & construction industries as a carpenter, foreman and project superintendent. He was awarded degrees magna cum laude and cum laude from Wentworth Institute of Technology, and was licensed to supervise the construction and structural renovation of multi-story buildings. Mr. McGonigle is self-taught and well versed in western political philosophy, natural law, constitutional law, constitutional history & especially the Founding era. ★

Mrs. Catherine White

Instructor- A Massachusetts native - born in Worcester, raised in Quincy, Mrs. White is a graduate of MIT. Over five years ago, she started a book club to read W Cleon Skousen's "The 5,000 Year Leap." Out of that grew a US Constitution study group that now sees attendance of about 40 people each month. She also coordinates a schedule of lectures, talks, study groups, and events - all centered on teaching the Constitution. You can contact her, read her articles and watch videos at her web site: www.constitutiondecoded.com. ★



Mr. Chris Kalis

Recreational Director and Instructor- Mr. Kalis, a custodian by trade is a Martial Arts expert and father of 7 children. All 7 of the Kalis children have been through the camps. They call Michigan home. ★



Mrs. Edith Craft



Mrs. Craft is the wife of Rev. Steven Craft. She is a retired public school teacher and **Program Director** for the Junior Patriot camp program. The Craft family resides in New Jersey. ★

Mr. Norman Tregenza

A veteran of the United States Navy, Norman served on board USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides") for the 200th anniversary of the ship's launching, when she set sail near Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Mr. Tregenza has worked in the utility pole and the fuel oil delivery industries, and also as a coordinator for the John Birch Society. He has worked in the tourism industry in New Hampshire, and in the local schools.

A Sunday school teacher during the year he has participated as a **counselor** and/or **instructor** every year at Camp Constitution, serving as **Assistant Academic Program Director** for the last two years. ★





“TriCorner” TOM MOOR

A Certified Toastmaster, Tom was Master of Ceremonies at Faneuil Hall for the first modern-day Tea Party in 2007 (also 2008 & 2010). Tom is also Co-Host of The Midnight Ride Podcast on American History and the Constitution. He has made two trips across the grand, majestic reaches of The Union and has travelled to five continents and over fifty Countries, including one complete circumnavigation for world peace & freedom.

Areas of Interest: The meaning and importance of “A More Perfect Union.”

Americana: Travel on the old U.S. Highway System, from sea to shining

sea, especially the Lincoln Highway, Rt. 66, The Blue Ridge Parkway and U.S. 20!

“I’ve never met anyone who loves America as much as I do. It probably isn’t normal. Despite all our challenges, I remain optimistic about our future as a nation, especially when I teach the wonderful kids at Camp Constitution. For one week each summer. I have the honor of serving with an amazing group of patriot instructors as we strive to train this next generation to understand and appreciate the great story of The United States, and to thus encourage them to be among the leaders of America’s great future.” ★

A Direct descendant of Captain Daniel Moor, who was a friend and officer of General John Stark of The First New Hampshire Regiment:
“Live Free or Die.”

Mark Affleck

Editor/Instructor - An IT professional, a graduate of Drexel University with a BS in Information Systems, Mark is a husband and father of 4 children. In his youth, he and five brothers all attended Birch Camp. These days his eldest son and daughter are here at their 2nd Camp. Mark enjoys genealogy and numismatics and donates his skills in archiving and web development to CampConstitution. Mark is online as FederalExpression. He runs a blog , youtube channel and twitter feeds.

You’ll find Mark here at camp in the newspaper room wearing the editor’s cap. ★

<http://www.federalexpression.com/>



Paul Ingbretson

Paul Ingbretson is a professional artist and a six term Representative in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. As an artist he has painted numerous New England personages, taught privately for thirty years and was president of the prestigious Guild of Boston Artists from 2003-2015. In his student days and later he worked for the Research Department of **American Opinion and Review of the News**, wrote some articles, and even painted a few covers for **The New American**. He lives in Haverhill, New Hampshire, is married to Eleanor and has a grown son and daughter both of whom enjoyed stints at Birch Camp. ★

<http://studio.ingbretson.com/pingbretson.htm>



Dr. Eugene M. Long

Instructor – Born in Augusta, Georgia, his father was a WWII veteran, having participated in the Normandy invasion on D-Day and seeing continual combat for the remainder of the war.

One of four boys, Dr. Long attended Georgetown Medical School and served a six year residency at the University of Chicago and served two years as a physician to a jump school in the medical corp.

He currently lives a quiet and simple life in Eaton, NH. Dr. Long volunteers his medical services during disasters and weather emergencies. ★

Mr. John Hoderny

Head Counselor/Instructor – Mr. Hoderny resides in Erie, Pennsylvania. He has been participating as an instructor & counselor in youth camps for over 35 years. ★



CABIN ★ INSPECTIONS

Did I read that right?

When new campers see the title “Cabin Inspections” they are probably asking themselves, “what have I gotten myself into?” Yes there are daily cabin inspections. Obviously, the inspectors are looking for clean and tidy quarters, however, the returning campers will show you how to really rack up the points.

Traditionally, the campers who most creatively capture the spirit of our camp through theme based decorations, tasteful humor, and patriotism score big in the contest. Make it fun ! Hint: The inspectors are not above the occasional bribery attempt. ☺

Points from 0-10 are awarded each day for your participation in this contest. At the end of the week the cabin with the most points will get “FREE PIZZA” during the pizza party.

This Year's Twist

This year's cabin contest will include a newspaper participation bonus. Make sure all newspaper submissions have your name and cabin number on them so your team gets credit for the contribution. The newspaper is looking for lecture reviews, free-time fun stories, camp fire tidbits, lake front occurrences etc. Who, what, where, how, why and when are the concepts to keep in mind as you write your stories.

Your cabin will earn 0-10 points for your submissions during the week. Your participation will require submissions from multiple campers on multiple topics. Quality, quantity, number of submitters and diversity of topics are the four criterion on which your bonus will be awarded. If multiple cabins cover the same topics the editor of the newspaper may combine the stories and weave the details but credit will be awarded whether the story is used or not. The bonus is 1/7 or 14% of your total points.

Visit the news office for a list of story option or create your own. ★

★ 2016 PIZZA PARTY RACE ★

Standings	M	T	W	Thu	F	S	News	Total
Hebron A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethel 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethel 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethel 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethel 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<http://www.alpine-environmental.com/>

Ron Peik

Counselor/Instructor & Camp fire – A former camper, and long-time instructor. Several of the Peik children have attended camp. Ron is president of Alpine Environmental, a company specializing in lead and mold abatement and period restoration. ★



Vito Vileniskis

Counselor – Mr. V is a veteran counselor of the camp. He makes his home in Queens, NY. Among other tasks. Mr V. will instruct our junior patriot campers about our founders' faith. ★

Mr. Hal Shurtleff – Camp Director



Mrs. Donna Rice

Nurse – Mrs. Rice is returning this year as Camp Constitution Nurse. Be sure to check out her “Nurse's Corner” column for periodic wellness tips. If you have special health needs, see Mrs. Rice and she'll be glad to help you out. ★

Ruth Harper

Program Director/Instructor – Ruth is the first and only program director for our camp. She lives in Grand Rapids, MI where she runs an American Opinion Bookstore. ★



Theresa Mazzarella

Counselor – A former camper, Theresa will offer option dance class this year. Waltz, swing and contra dancing will be available during recreation time each day. Classes should last approximately 1 hour. ★



★ Camp Constitution Schedule ★

When	Required *	What	Where/Notes
3:00PM		Staff Orientation - Mr. Hal Shurtleff	Cafeteria
5:30PM	×	Dinner	Hebron: Porch for Grace
6:30PM	×	(ALL) Placement - Mrs Ruth Harper, Mr Norman Tregenza & Staff	
7:20PM	×	Flag Lowering	Flag Pole
7:45PM	×	Orientation -- Mr. Shurtleff, Mr. John Hoderly	
8:35PM		Break	
9:00PM	×	Campfire (Flashlight & Songbook)	Fire Pit
10:00PM		Break	
10:30PM	×	Report to Cabin	Assigned Cabin
11:00PM	×	Lights Out	Good Night
★ Sunday, July 10, 2016 ★			

Tomorrow's Schedule

★ Camp Constitution Schedule ★

When	Required *	What	Where/Notes
6:30AM		Polar Bear Swim / Morning Run	Lake Front / Trail
7:00AM	×	Wake Up !!! Last Call	
7:50AM	×	Flag Raising: Devotions & Announcements	Flag Pole
8:00AM	×	Breakfast	Hebron: Porch for Grace
8:30AM		Staff Meeting (Students Cabin Prep)	Hebron II
9:00AM	×	Class 1: (ALL) Conspiracy - Mr. John F. McManus	
		Short-Break	
10:00AM	×	Class 2: (ALL) Great Debate: History of the Bill of Rights - Krisanne Hall	
		Short-Break	
11:00AM	×	Class 3: (ALL) The United Nations - Mr. John F. McManus	
		Short-Break	
12:00PM	×	Lunch	Hebron: Porch for Grace
1:00PM		Group Picture 1PM	LAKEFRONT USE REQUIRES LIFEGUARD
		1:30 Optional Workshop: Nutrition-A discussion with Mrs Ruth Harper	
		Recreation Time - Mr. Kalis	
5:30PM	×	Dinner	Hebron: Porch for Grace
6:30PM	×	Class 4: (REG) Declaration of Independence! - Mrs. Catherine White	
		Class 4: (ADV) Communist Manifesto vs The Law - Mr. McGonigle	
7:20PM	×	Flag Lowering	Flag Pole
7:45PM	×	Class 5: (ALL) Freedom & Morality: America's Dynamic Duo - Rev Steven L. Craft	
8:35PM		Break	
9:00PM	×	Campfire(Flashlight & Songbook)	Fire Pit
10:00PM		Break	
10:30PM	×	Report to Cabin	Cabin
11:00PM	×	Lights Out	Good Night
★ Monday, July 11, 2016 ★			

Rev. Theo van Blerk

Rev. Theo van Blerk was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa and was raised in the Orange Free State, South Africa. He received his Bachelors of Art from the Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education (now The North West University) in 1983, and an Honors Degree in Industrial Sociology in 1984. He then studied for two years to be allowed into the Theological Studies Program of the University and received his TH.B in 1989 from the Potchefstroom Theological Seminary. He also received a graduate degree in Theology; the Th.Cand. in 1990 which is the equivalent of the Masters of Divinity in America. He was ordained in the Reformed Churches in South Africa at the end of 1990 and served as a chaplain in the South African Air Force in 1991.

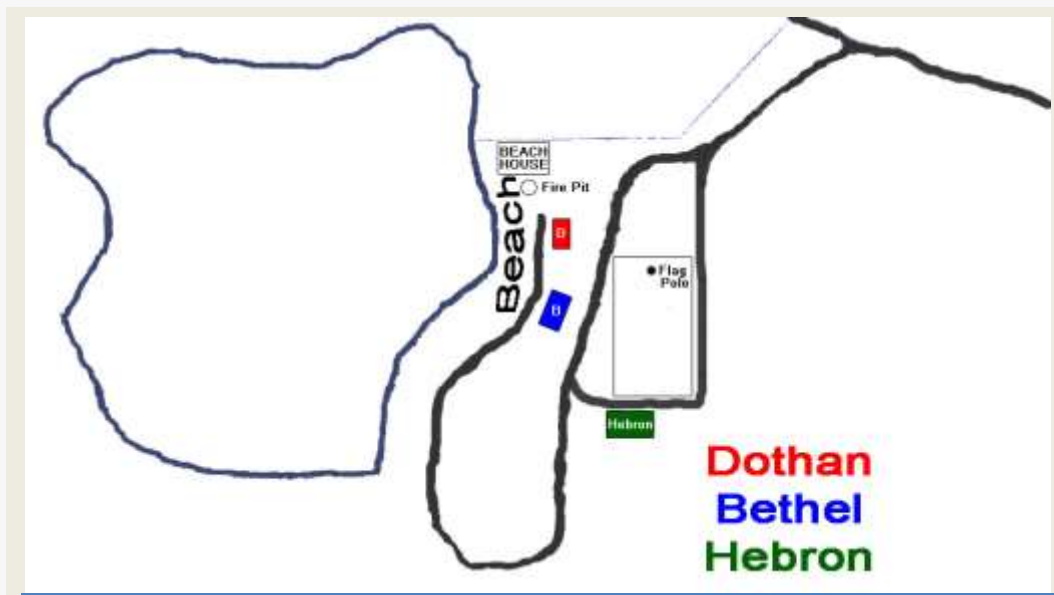
Rev. Theo van Blerk ministered in the Reformed Church Magol (Ellisras, South Africa) for almost 10 years and in the Reformed Church Wapadrant until September 2002. He received a call to a congregation in the Presbyterian Church in America in Greeneville, TN where he ministered for 5 years, taught Sociology for one year at Tusculum College and then accepted a call to Harvestwood Presbyterian Church in September 2008 where he is currently ministering. Theo is married to Lidia, since December 15, 1984. They have three children and one grandchild, Rev. & Mrs van Blerk became naturalized citizens on August 18, 2015. in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia in Roanoke.



<http://harvestwoodcovenantpca.org/>

★ Camp Constitution Jr. Patriot Schedule ★

Start	End	Program	Where/Notes
6:30AM	7:00AM	Polar Bear Swim / Morning Run	
7:00AM	7:50AM	Wake Up !!! Last Call	
7:50AM	8:00AM	Flag Raising: Devotions & Announcements	
8:00AM	9:00 AM	Breakfast	
9:00 AM	9:25 AM	Morning Prayer & Song With Earl Wallace	
9:40 AM	10:15 AM	Revolutionary War: Events Timeline - Mrs. Craft	
10:15 AM	10:30 AM	AM Snack	
10:30 PM	11:20 AM	Paul Revere's Ride - Mrs. Craft	
11:20 AM	11:40 AM	"We The Kids" Reading (Preamble) - Mrs. Craft	
11:40 AM	12:00 PM	Related Activity	
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch	Hebron: Porch for Grace
1:00PM	5:30PM	Recreation Time - Mr. Kalis	
6:30 PM	7:05 PM	Self Defense - Julian Kalis	
9:00PM	10:00PM	Campfire (Flashlight & Songbook)	Fire Pit
★ Monday, July 11, 2016 ★			



ANDREW ★ JACKSON'S ★ VETO

July 10, 1832 - The following remarks are excerpted from the "Veto Message" of President Andrew Jackson, stating his objections to a bill re-chartering the Second Bank of the United States.

To the Senate:

The bill "to modify and continue" the act entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States" was presented to me on the 4th July instant. Having considered it with that solemn regard to the principles of the Constitution which the day was calculated to inspire, and come to the conclusion that it ought not to become a law, I herewith return it to the Senate, in which it originated, with my objections.

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The present corporate body, denominated the president, directors, and company of the Bank of the United States,... enjoys an exclusive privilege of banking under the authority of the General Government, a monopoly of its favor and support, and, as necessary consequence, almost a monopoly of the foreign and domestic exchange .

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It is not conceivable how the present stockholders can have any claim to the special favor of the Government... If we must have such a corporation, why should not the Government sell out the whole stock and thus secure to the people the full market value of the privileges granted?...

But this act does not permit competition in the purchase of this monopoly. It seems to be predicated on the erroneous idea that the present stockholders have a prescriptive right not only to the favor but to the bounty of Government. It appears that more than a fourth part of the stock is held by foreigners and the residue is held by a few hundred of our own citizens, chiefly of the richest class. For their benefit does this act exclude the whole American people from competition in the purchase of this monopoly and dispose of it for many millions less than it is worth. This seems all the less excusable because some of our citizens not now stockholders petitioned that the door of competition might be opened, and offered to take a charter... much more favorable to the Government and country.

But this proposition, although made by men whose aggregate wealth is believed to be equal to all the private stock in the existing bank, has been set aside, and the bounty of our Government is proposed to be again bestowed on the few who have been fortunate enough to secure the stock and at this moment wield the power of the existing institution. I cannot perceive the justice or policy of this course.

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Experience should teach us wisdom. Most of the difficulties our Government now encounters and most of the dangers which impend over our Union have sprung from an abandonment of the legitimate objects of Government by our

national legislation, and the adoption of such principles as are embodied in this act. Many of our rich men have not been content with equal protection and equal benefits, but have besought us to make them richer by act of Congress. By attempting to gratify their desires we have in the results of our legislation arrayed section against section, interest against interest, and man against man, in a fearful commotion which threatens to shake the foundations of our Union. It is time we pause in our career to review our principles, and if possible revive that devoted patriotism and spirit of compromise which distinguished the sages of the Revolution and the fathers of our Union. If we cannot at once, in justice to interests vested under improvident legislation, make our Government what it ought to be, we can at least take a stand against all new grants of monopolies and exclusive privileges, against any prostitution of our Government to the advancement of the few at the expense of the many...

... For relief and deliverance let us firmly rely on that kind Providence which I am sure watches with peculiar care over the destinies of our Republic, and on the intelligence and wisdom of our countrymen. Through His abundant goodness and their patriotic devotion our liberty and Union will be preserved. ★



Andrew Jackson

Well known to Americans as a military hero, Jackson was elected to the Presidency in 1828. He was the first President popularly elected by a majority of the voters, and the first from a "frontier" state west of the Appalachian Mountains.

Perhaps the most significant achievement of Jackson's presidency was his opposition to the re-chartering of the central, Second Bank of the United States. Although not up for renewal until 1836, Henry Clay and Daniel Webster persuaded bank president Nicholas Biddle to seek early renewal during the 1832 election year. Gaining support from the American people, Jackson defeated Clay in 1832. After reelection, Jackson removed all federal deposits from the bank. By January 1, 1835, the entire public debt was paid in full. ★

