

## Short Biography of Jim and Mary Lynn Johnson

Jim and Mary Lynn Johnson are retired teachers. Jim retired Emeritus from the University of North Texas Denton, Texas. He taught Art and Art Education and was the Coordinator of Visual Arts Studies (Art Education). He taught 27 years at the University of North Texas in the School of Visual Arts and 7 years at Ysleta High School in El Paso, Texas prior to UNT. Mary Lynn taught Chemistry, Combustion Chemistry, Air Pollution Studies, and Physics. She taught at UT Arlington, Brookhaven College, The Hockaday School, and Highland Park High School. Mary Lynn is listed in many Who's Who Publications including "American Men and Women in Science" and World Who's Who of Women". She is a recipient of the Martha Washington Medal for her many Services to the SAR. She is a past Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Both Jim and Mary Lynn have their doctorates from The Pennsylvania State University. His is in Art Education and hers is in Fuels Science. Earlier degrees include a Masters in Educational Administration for Jim and a Masters in Chemistry for Mary Lynn.

They are both active in presenting programs for various SAR and DAR organizations in Texas. Some of the titles of their programs are "The Arts During the American Revolution", "The Women Who Fought and the Men Who Didn't", "We Were What We Wore", 18<sup>th</sup> Century Clothing & Uniforms", "The American Revolution and Everyday Life" and "Yankee Doodle Christmas" (Christmas during the Revolution). Jim does programs on U. S. Presidents based on his collection of photographs, campaign buttons and other memorabilia. Mary Lynn also presents a program on "Science and Inventions During the American Revolution".

Jim is Former State Historian of the Texas Society SAR. As Historian he was instrumental in establishing the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Archives as part of the Rare Book and Texana Collections at UNT. He is currently Color Guard Commander of TXSSAR, and Secretary of the Denton Chapter 23 SAR in Denton. Jim is a recipient of many SAR medals and in February 2004 Jim was awarded the "CARA Award", Community Art Recognition Award by the Greater Denton Arts Council.

Since retirement, they have been active in community and Christian Benevolences. Currently they are busy helping their two children raise their four grandchildren both in Arizona and Texas. The ages of the grandchildren range from six to twenty-five. Grandson, Chris Casey (25) is President Of the Denton Chapter #23 Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution and a senior at the University of North Texas in Denton..