

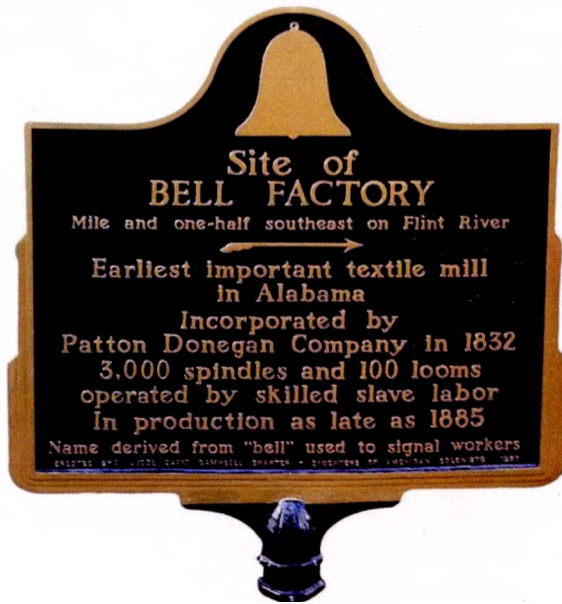


National Society
Daughters of the American Colonists

Judge David Campbell
Chapter

Organized

November 18, 1944
Huntsville, Alabama



The Bell Factory Historical Marker was first placed by Judge David Campbell Chapter 27 October 1957. The chapter has refurbished the marker as shown above and relocated it next to the "bell" at Riverton Elementary School. The Bell Factory derived its name from the large bell used to signal the beginning and end of work periods. Riverton School received the bell in 1918 to be "used to commemorate special occasions highlighting the community activities." The bell is still in use by the community today.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Please remember to place your right ungloried hand over your heart and have nothing in either hand as the pledge is recited.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. – *Francis Bellamy*

The American's Creed

I believe in the United State of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign states; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies. – *William Tyler Page*

The Star Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

– *Frances Scott Key*

**Judge David Campbell Chapter
Daughters of the American Colonists
in conjunction with Alabama's Bicentennial Celebration**

**Dedicates the Bell Factory Historical Marker at the new location
Riverton Elementary School
2615 Winchester Road North East
December 14, 2017**

**Presentation of Colors.....Tennessee Valley Chapter, SAR Color Guard
Invocation.....Janice Smith, Chapter Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance Flag of the United States.....Oma Gaines
American's CreedVirginia Kugler
Star Spangled Banner.....Carroll Strickland**

**Introduction of GuestsMartha Ann Whitt, President
Judge David Campbell Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists**

**Greetings.....Sandra Wilson
Alabama State President, Daughters of the American Colonists**

**History of Bell Factory..... Sara Curtis,
Chapter Historian**

**Family History of the Pattons Constance Haynesworth Grund,
Patton Family Descendant**

**Dedication of Marker..... Martha Ann Whitt, President
Judge David Campbell Chapter**

**Unveiling of Marker..... Martha Ann Whitt, President
Sara Curtis, Historian**

Constance Haynesworth Grund, Descendant

Benediction.....Janice Smith, Chapter Chaplain

Retiring of the Colors.....SAR Color Guard

**Reception Following Marking
300 Gates Avenue SE
Huntsville, AL
11:30-1:30**

Colonel John David Weeden, the brother of Howard Weeden, married the Granddaughter of William Patton. Her name was Martha Hays Patton. This connects the Bell Factory Patton family with the Weeden family.



**Weeden House
Former Residence of
Howard Weeden, Artist**

Interior Panel: A miniature on ivory painted by Anna C. Peale, as illustrated in *The Life of Andrew Jackson* by Marquis James.

Exterior Panel: Photo of Howard Weeden House Museum courtesy of Weedenhousemuseum.com

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Special Thanks

Tennessee Valley SAR Color Guard

Phil Renfroe and Staff, Madison County Public Works

Charles Owsley, S&ME, Inc.

Roger Jones, Madison County Commissioner District 1

**Jeff Malone, Principal of Riverton Elementary School
and School Staff**

**Kenneth Boyd and son Landon for refurbishing the
Bell Factory Marker**

**Huntsville Historical Society co-ordination of the Historic
Restoration Marker project with the Eagle Scout project
David Hitt, President- John Allen, Past President**

**Madison County School Administration and Kerry Wilkerson
Chief Operations Officer for the endorsement of the Bell Factory
Marker's relocation to Riverton Elementary School**

**Martha Ann Whitt, Chapter President, Invitations and Programs
Sara Curtis, Chapter Historian
Davie Williams, Chapter Historic Landmarks-Memorials Chairman**

Reception

**Davie Williams and Betty Weir, Chapter Chairmen
Lynn Presley
Kelly Jernigan**

**Judge David Campbell Chapter Members,
Daughters of the American Colonists**

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