

# BATTLE LINES

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## NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER - SAR

### CHAPTER NEWS

#### IN OUR MEMORY

Compatriot Shirley Harris Clickner passed away on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at the age of 72. Shirley was quite ill at the time that he and his two sons Allen and Paul joined our Chapter last year, but it was important to him to get the papers on file for their descent from Benjamin Cottrell. Shirley was a WW II vet, having served in the Army Air Corps, for which he received a commendation for his work as a weather observer. He was a friend as well as a tax client of Pres. Marr, and he will be missed.

We were all also saddened to learn of the death of ESSSAR Treasurer Emeritus Everett Thompson, who had served the State Society with distinction for many years.

#### NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome a new compatriot into our Chapter: Thomas Joseph Ryan of Troy, NY. Thomas is also working on getting his 7 daughters into the DAR. Welcome!

#### CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

At our Annual Meeting on Feb. 15, the current slate of officers was elected to serve the second year of a two-year term:

President: Dennis F. Marr

V. President: Peter K. Goebel

Secretary: Jonathan E. Goebel

Treasurer: Richard C. Saunders, Jr.

Registrar: Dennis F. Marr

Chaplain: Carlton E. Covell

At this meeting, long overdue recognition was given to 4 deserving members and one DAR member. Receiving the Meritorious Service Medal for service at the chapter level were: Carlton E. Covell, Col. George Washington Chesbro and Edgar J. Tulloch. Presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship Award was Maj. Gordon William Glidden. And we were especially pleased to present the SAR Medal

of Appreciation to a DAR to Martha (Mrs. Edgar) Tulloch; Marty was a tremendous help to her husband Ed, and to our Chapter, when she undertook to handle his Treasurer's duties when illness made it impossible for him to continue.

A sincere thanks, and congratulations, to these faithful supporters of our Chapter. As Pres. Marr noted in his remarks at the award ceremony, there are other chapter members deserving of recognition, but it was felt that these particular awards could wait no longer.

#### SAMUEL DOWNING HISTORICAL MARKER TO BE UNVEILED

Compatriot Lewis Decker of the Stone Arabia Battle Chapter has informed us that plans have been finalized for the unveiling ceremony for the Samuel Downing Historical Marker.

The program will be held at the Edinburg Common School in Edinburgh, Saratoga Co. The date is March 28; the program will begin at 11 am. A fife and drum ensemble will be on hand and Compatriot James Morrison of Stone Arabia Battle will be there with his Tryon County Militia reenactment group. Local dignitaries as well as the Saratoga DAR will also be participating. We hope to have a good turnout from our Chapter for this event.

The actual installation of the marker at Samuel Downing's grave site will take place when the weather allows.

#### SEPTEMBER WREATH-LAYING

We have received a permit from the Saratoga National Historical Park to conduct our wreath-laying ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony will take place at the DAR Monument at 1:00 pm. The visitor's center has also been made available to us in the event that we wish to conduct a chapter meeting after the ceremony. Mark your calendars now for this important event.



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## ANCESTOR CORNER

by Compatriot Dennis F. Marr

Josiah Bugbee is my most recently-discovered Patriot Ancestor. Several years ago, while working on my mother's Bailey family of Sand Lake, Rensselaer County, NY, I was able to extend them back one generation. In the process I picked up the Bugbee surname, which was new to me. A check of my Rev. War Pension Abstracts revealed a Josiah Bugbee who had gotten a pension and who had died in Sand Lake.

Working with a local Bailey/Bugbee cousin, I found the genealogy papers of A.H. Sage in the NYS Archives in Albany. Sage spent over 30 years on various of his family lines; because his mother was a Bailey descendant, he spent a lot of time on Bailey research. In his "Bailey Family History," published in 1902 in a small upstate New York newspaper, he mentioned the wives of my ancestor Warren Bailey and his brother Joseph as being Jane and Miranda, daughters of Josiah Bugbee of Sand Lake. Additional research in Josiah's pension file, along with bible information, confirmed him as my ancestor.

Josiah served 3+ years with the NY 5<sup>th</sup> Rgmt. His military file shows that his service took him to, among other places: New Windsor, Peekskill, White Plains, Fishkill, Schoharie, Johnstown, Canajoharie and Morristown. He enlisted Jan. 1, 1777 for 3 years and was discharged Apr. 1, 1780. At enlistment, Josiah lived in what is now the town of Greenbush, Rensselaer county.

Josiah was the son of Israel and Bethsheba Buckbee of Dutchess Co., NY. He always spelled his surname "Bugbee" while his half brother Richard went by "Buckbee."

His simple obituary in the *Troy Northern Budget* of Jun. 25, 1839 reads:

"Another Revolutionary Hero gone. Died at his residence at Sand Lake on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., after a short illness, Josiah Bugbee, in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of his age. A respectable citizen, and a distinguished hero of '76, who had the honor of combating in several battles with the enemies of his country."

## REVOLUTIONARY WAR RESEARCH ON CD-ROM

The current issue of the SAR Magazine contains an ad for two long-awaited resources for Rev. War genealogical research, both on CD-ROM. The first is the new issue of the SAR Graves Register, last published in book form in 1993. The new Register contains information on over 69,000 patriot burials, up from some 25, 000 in 1993. Searches can be done by name as well as by cemetery and other means.

The second CD-ROM is the SAR PATRIOT INDEX. Similar to the more familiar DAR PATRIOT INDEX, this resource contains over 450,000 records of patriots and their descendants. It comes with its own *Progeny Family Explorer* for conducting numerous kinds of searches and printing all types of reports. The patriot index will be available in early Summer.

## SARATOGA BATTLE TO HOST STATE SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

For the third ESSAR Board of Managers meeting in a row, our Chapter will be playing host to this important function. The meeting will be on Saturday, March 14 at the Quality Inn in Albany. The inn is located off Exit 5 of I-90 at Everett Road and Watervliet Avenue. Coffee will be available at 10:30 am and the meeting begins at 11:00 am. A buffet luncheon is available for \$19.00.

Members are welcome to attend and are encouraged to do so. This is a fine chance to see your State Society "up close and personal." Included on the agenda will be the report of the Nominating Committee to present the slate of officers for the upcoming term. Saratoga Battle Chapter President Dennis F. Marr's name will be placed in nomination to be next State Society President: please try to attend to show your support. Contact Treasurer Rick Saunders at 793-3841 to make your reservations.

## A GET WELL NOTE

Chaplain Carl Covell recently had surgery at the VA Hospital in Albany. Be well, Carl!

Dennis F. Marr  
Editor