



## Family Cemetery Honors Revolutionary War Patriots



*The Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard provided a musket salute during a commemoration of an historic marker at the final resting place of American Patriots in Saratoga County. Photo by Anne VanVorst, Saratoga County Public Information Specialist.*

*Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.*

The small family cemetery has been part of Mark Young's home all his life. He grew up on the Porter Corners farm where his ancestors were buried.

When he heard Saratoga County was seeking opportunities to honor Revolutionary War Patriots, Young said he decided to get involved.

Working with the Saratoga County Historian's Office and the Saratoga Battle Chapter, SAR, Young's home now features an Historic Marker honoring his ancestors' final resting place.

Saratoga Battle Chapter members joined the Chapter's Color Guard, members of the family and historians to unveil the new marker on December 8.

The new historic marker on Ormsbee Road in the Saratoga County Town of Greenfield was

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## Elections, Luncheon For February 18 Annual Meeting

Compatriots, your presence is cordially requested at our Annual Meeting & Washington's Birthday Luncheon from Noon—3 p.m. Sunday, February 18 in Colonial Hall at the Elks

Lodge at 1 Elks Lane, Saratoga Springs, NY.

We'll honor several people, elect and swear in Chapter Officers and learn about decisions New York Colonists

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# *A timeline of George Washington's military and political career during the American Revolution, 1774-1783.*

*The Library of Congress*

July 6 – 18, 1774: Attends meetings in Alexandria, Virginia, which address the growing conflict between the Colonies and Parliament. Washington co-authors with George Mason the Fairfax County Resolves, which protest the British "Intolerable Acts"--punitive legislation passed by the British in the wake of the December 16th, 1773, Boston Tea Party. The Fairfax Resolves call for non-importation of British goods, support for Boston, and the meeting of a Continental Congress.

July 18, 1774: The Resolves are presented to the public at the Fairfax County Courthouse. Fairfax Resolves.

September 5 – October 26, 1774: The First Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia. Washington serves as a delegate from Virginia.

October 9, 1774: While attending the First Continental Congress, Washington responds to a letter from Captain Robert Mackenzie, then in Boston. Mackenzie, a fellow Virginia officer, criticizes the behavior of the city's rebellious inhabitants. Washington sharply disagrees and defends the actions of Boston's patriots. Yet, like many members of Congress who still hope for reconciliation, Washington writes that no "thinking man in all North America," wishes "to set up for independency." George Washington to Robert Mackenzie, October 9, 1774

April 19, 1775: The battles of Lexington and Concord

1775: Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, and Benedict Arnold and the Massachusetts and Connecticut militia, take Fort Ticonderoga on the western shore of Lake Champlain, capturing its garrison and munitions.

Visit this link to read more: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/george-washington-papers/articles-and-essays/timeline/the-american-revolution/>



## *President's Dispatch*

*Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.*

Greetings Compatriots, I hope this finds you well and in good spirits. As you may have heard, our Annual Meeting plans are set, please learn more about the meeting and please get back to us as soon as you can so we can ensure an accurate count for our venue.

I put much of what I'd report in this newsletter. In terms of the upcoming Elections, most officers have kindly agreed to continue serving. One of our members, Compatriot Brian Haak, has volunteered to serve as Secretary.

As he completes a successful term, my sincere gratitude goes out to our current Secretary Michael A. Hernandez.

During the meeting we should hear an update on plans surrounding the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

We'll learn some great details from our Guest Speaker, Compatriot Jim Richmond, an historian and author who will present *From Colony to Country: Twelve Years to War in New York 1763-1774*.

Several people are due for recognition related to their work promoting this commemoration.

During the upcoming meeting, I expect to put out a call for someone to play an active role communicating with our region's JROTC and ROTC programs. I believe we should be recognizing a cadet at any local school that has an ROTC or JROTC program.

One last note, please check your email and see if you are receiving emails from us. If not, we want to fix it. There is the possibility that our email system is not working with Yahoo emails, I am unsure why.

I hope to see many of you in February. I thank you for your membership and what it means for our Patriot ancestors.

Sincerely, Edward Munger Jr.



# County Historian, Assistant Historian Earn Bronze SAR Medals

*Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.*

The Saratoga Battle Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution announces Saratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts and assistant Historian Abby Burke were awarded the SAR's Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal and Certificate on December 8, 2023.

Saratoga Battle Chapter President Edward Munger Jr. presented the medals during a commemoration at the final resting site of Revolutionary War Patriots Ambrose Cole & Isaac Ormsbee, both of whom served as Privates of Rhode Island regiments in the American Revolution.

The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Program of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution aims to encourage and recognize those who participate in events which educate and recognize, honor and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the

American Revolution.

Through their planning and participation in

The event took place at the home of Mark Young, a seventh-generation resident of the

Town of Greenfield farm called home by Patriot Isaac Ormsbee after the American Revolution. Clifford Young, a sixth-generation resident, was also there.

There, a small cemetery sits in the yard with more than a dozen graves including those of Ormsbee and Cole and Mark Young's grandfather and father.

Saratoga Battle Chapter President Edward Munger Jr.



Backed by the Saratoga Battle Chapter SAR Color Guard, Chapter President Edward Munger Jr., left, and Compatriot Tim Mabree present SAR Bronze 250<sup>th</sup> Medals and Certificates to Saratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts and Assistant Historian Abby Burke. Photo by Anne VanVorst, Saratoga County Public Information Specialist.

various events highlighting the Saratoga region's role in this nation's formation, both Roberts and Burke qualified for the medals by September 2023.

The presentation followed a brief recognition of a new sign funded by the William J. Pomeroy Foundation's Patriot Burials Historical Markers grant program.

said Roberts and Burke do great work to help bring the honorable memories of our Patriot ancestors to the forefront.

"They put hard work, meticulous research and dedication into supporting and sharing the fascinating history of our region. Both Burke and Roberts deserve this recognition and more," Munger said.

## Upcoming Event

### Saratoga Battle Chapter Annual Meeting & Washington's Birthday Luncheon

Sunday, February 18, Noon—3 p.m. Elks Lodge, at 1 Elks Lane, Saratoga Springs, NY.

# Welcome New Members!

MEMBER NAME & HOMETOWN	PATRIOT ANCESTOR
Thaddeus C. Mangione, Albany NY	George Little, Patriotic Serv. Signed Assoc. Test
Linus C. Mangione, Albany, NY	George Little, Patriotic Serv. Signed Assoc. Test
Trevor O. Flike, Ballston Spa, NY	Thomas Galusha, Pvt., MA & VT
Nolan Flike, Boston, MA	Thomas Galusha, Pvt., MA & VT
Kevin R.. Flike	Thomas Galusha, Pvt., MA & VT
Chad M. Loshbaugh, Glenmont, NY	Henry Lushbaugh, Pvt., PA
George R. Dienos, Saugerties, NY	John Graves, Pvt., CT
Jack A. Mullen, Saugerties, NY	John Graves, Pvt., CT
Liam J. Mullen, Saugerties, NY	John Graves, Pvt., CT
Aiden C. Mullen, Saugerties, NY	John Graves, Pvt., CT

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS APPROVED
Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, William Duncan., Lt., PA

## Ormsbee Cemetery ...

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purchased with grant funding from the William J. Pomeroy Foundation's Patriot Burials Marker Program.

The sign honors Ambrose Cole and Isaac Ormsbee, both buried in the family cemetery, who served the American cause after joining as Privates in Rhode Island.

Clifford Young, a fourth-generation descendant, said his Patriot ancestor left many pieces of memorabilia behind, including writing.

He said from what he learned, he believes Isaac Ormsbee selected the property to farm following his service in the American Revolution.

"He was looking for high ground," Clifford Young said, holding a spyglass his ancestor carried during the War.

Mark Young, who installed the sign and made a small driveway pull-off near the sign, said he plans to allow guests to visit and pay their respects, with permission.

Protected in the past by the hayfields that surrounded it, the small cemetery is more than part of Mark Young's home. Both his father and grandfather are also buried there.

The Saratoga County Historian's Office is planning to hold an unveiling of two other signs in the works at Patriot Burial sites.

# New Members Badges Available Online

Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.

**T**he National Society, Sons of the American Revolution serves as the source of medals and other items members wear at SAR functions.

One of the primary membership items is the Members Badge, pictured here.

It now costs \$95, and it's not



something that Chapters provide to members.

Here's some text that the SAR provides on the listing for the Members Badge:

*All Compatriots are encouraged to purchase and wear the SAR Badge. A Compatriot should only wear the SAR*

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## Annual meeting ...

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made in the years leading up to the Americans' clash with the British Empire.

The venue will feature a Cash Bar and our host Simply Food by Maura will present a Banquet Buffet including salad, chicken piccata with pasta, a variety of sandwiches and beverages including coffee and tea. We're being allowed to bring our own deserts, so feel free to bring cookies or cupcakes if you wish but it's not necessary.



Local Author and Historian Jim Richmond will present *From Colony to Country: Twelve Years to War in New York 1763—1774*, a timely feature as the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution nears.

He will focus on the decision colonialists made to remain loyal to the Crown or become patriots seeking independence, including several Albany/Ballston area residents. Jim is the author of *War on the Middleline*, the story of the 1780 British raid on the town of Ballston.

The cost is \$35 per-person. Please bring a guest!

As is our tradition, members are welcomed to make a donation to the Chapter in honor of one or all of their Patriot Ancestors whose names

we'll recall during the meeting and on the meeting program.

Mail checks to: David Flint, Treasurer, Saratoga Battle Chapter, SAR, 89 Calvin Cole Rd., Stephentown, NY 12169-5717.

An invitation is being sent to members via email and will be made available on our website and shared on our Facebook Page.



## SAR Members Badge ...

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Badge at functions of the SAR or when representing the SAR. It may also be worn during the funeral of an SAR member or the dedication of a grave marker for a deceased SAR member.

The Saratoga Battle Chapter doesn't require members to purchase anything but membership—but there are membership badges, ties, clothing and more on the website store.

Currently, due to a shutdown, there is a backorder on many services such as getting a Members Badge engraved, if you want, with the member's National Number.

If you are interested, visit the SAR.org website and click the tab for Store where you can find many interesting items.

Here is a link to the SAR web store: <https://store.sar.org/sar-members-badge-p3.aspx>

## Family Treasure



Clifford Young displays a spyglass his ancestor used during the American Revolution. Young, a fourth-generation descendant of Isaac Ormsbee, said his Patriot ancestor left a diary and other items on the family farm they still occupy. Young was among several family members who attended a brief sign dedication ceremony Dec. 8 in Greenfield.

*Photo by Edward Munger Jr.*

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