



## ***BATTLE LINES***

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### **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Mark F. Wells – Ft. Covington, NY  
Robert S. Munson – Howes Cave, NY  
Col. John E. Marr, Jr. – Valdosta, GA  
Sean M. Marr – Jacksonville, FL

Col. Marr, USAF retired, is the brother of Registrar Dennis Marr, and Sean is Jack's son; they join under Josiah Bugbee of the 5<sup>th</sup> NY Regiment.

### **BATTLE LINES ANNIVERSARY**

With this issue of *Battle Lines* we complete seven years of continuous publication. Begun in May of 1997 as a three times yearly publication, the newsletter is now done 4 times annually, roughly coinciding with the calendar quarters.

Members are always welcome to contribute ideas for the newsletter. You may have recently read a book on the Revolution that you think members would be interested in: why not share it with us? Just send your ideas, clippings, etc. to Editor Marr.

One of our most popular features is "Ancestor Corner," yet it occasionally has to be omitted for lack of submissions. Just send a brief write-up about a Patriot Ancestor to the Editor. The newsletter needs YOU to make it better!

### **CHAPTER COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPE STILL AVAILABLE**

We still have a small supply of the 1997 special postal cancellation envelope that the chapter had done for the 220<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga. \$3 each, 2 for \$5; send check payable to the chapter to the Editor.

### **BOOKS OF INTEREST**

Your Editor obtained three very interesting books related to the Revolution recently, and would like to recommend them to those of you who enjoy reading about the subject.

*Chainbraker's War: A Seneca Chief Remembers the American Revolution.*  
Jeanne Winston Adler, Ed., 2002, Black Dome Press, Hensonville, NY.

A first-person narrative, done in 1845-46 of the reminiscences of Chainbraker, aka, Governor Blacksnake (1753-1859). Includes his recollections of the battles at Wyoming Valley, PA, Oriskany, NY and in the Mohawk Valley.

*What They Didn't Teach You About the American Revolution.*  
Mike Wright, 1999, Presidio Press, Novato, CA.

Far from being a "revisionist" history, this book, from the author of similar titles on the Civil War and World War II, uses original documents and eyewitness reports to give new insights into events related to the Revolution. Included: Benedict Arnold; the Founding Fathers; Boston Tea Party; Boston Massacre; the Constitution; and Rituals of Life.

*General Washington's Christmas Farewell: A Mount Vernon Homecoming, 1783.*  
Stanley Weintraub, 2003, Free Press Div. of Simon & Schuster, NY.

A wonderful narrative of the first few weeks after the Revolution officially ended in 1783. Chapters include: The Price of Independence; To New York City; Fraunces Tavern; To Philadelphia; Toward Annapolis; Final Farewell.

## ANCESTOR CORNER

by

Compatriot Dennis F.M. Marr

Augustine Windle is one of the three new Patriot Ancestors of my son, Compatriot Kevin M. Marr, that I identified after making the breakthrough on my wife's mother's families from southern Indiana.

Augustine was born 12 July 1760 near Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., VA. He was the son of Palatine immigrant Johann Augustinius Wendell of Framersheim in the Rhineland and Anna Margaret Bucher of Wuerttemberg. His father's family bible, printed in Germany in 1702, is in the University of Virginia. He married Margaret Bushong, daughter of John Bushong, a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. in the York Co., PA Militia (see Fall, 2002 *Battle Lines*).

On 25 January 1781, Augustine was commissioned an Ensign in the Shenandoah County Militia by Governor Thomas Jefferson. From the Shenandoah County Minute Book 1781-1784, p. 1:

"Augustine Windle, Gent. Ordered a commission from Thos. Jefferson Esq. Governor of the state of Virginia to the Clerk of this county which was openly read and there upon took the oath of an Ensign of the Militia of this County."

In "From the Rhine to the Shenandoah" by Daniel W. Bly, the definitive source on the German families who came to Virginia in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, we read:

"...remained on his father's home tract along Little North Mountain west of Toms Brook and purchased several adjoining properties in his lifetime. He died in 1813 and an order to appraise his property was issued in August, 1813....Most of the children of Augustine Windle went to Harrison County, Ind. in the 1820's and their mother went with them." In a deathbed codicil to his will, Augustine freed his "true and faithful slave Negro Harry."

His widow Margaret died in Harrison Co., IN on 18 Apr 1844, and it was here that I picked up the trail on these families, tracing them back to the Shenandoah Valley and then to the Rhineland.

## DENNIS MARR ELECTED PRES. OF LOCAL GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Dennis Marr has been elected President of the Capital District Genealogical Society in Albany. He will serve for 2004 with the possibility of a second one-year term.

Dennis has also had an article accepted as the feature article in *The Hoosier Genealogist*, journal of the Indiana Historical Society. The working title is: *'Til Death (or Divorce) Do Us Part: A Tangled Matrimonial Web in Jackson County, Indiana.*" The article grew out of the untangling of a combined 13 marriages of one couple in Dennis' wife Sandra's family.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by

Duane Booth

First and foremost, my very best wishes to each of you for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2004.

I am happy to report that your Chapter is doing well on every front. We have a solid treasury; we have increased our membership to the 100 mark; we have a website second to none in the SAR; we are a sponsor of two local CAR societies; and we continue to have, thanks to your support, successful meetings and good attendance at Chapter events.

Enclosed with this newsletter is our 2004 Calendar of Events. Please keep it handy so that you can refer to it before making other commitments.

I hope that you plan to attend this year's Annual Meeting and Washington's Birthday Dinner on February 21 at the Century House in Latham. See the enclosed reservation form for details.

## THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTION

Jan. 9, 1776: Thomas Paine publishes his pamphlet "Common Sense."

Jan. 3, 1777: Washington drives the British out of Princeton, NY.