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## Patriots Buried In Blair County

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The following list is the second half of the roll of Patriots of the American Revolutionary War who have been interred in the soil of Blair County. The first half appeared in Newsletter #3, 1993.

As noted in the previous newsletter, the names in bold face denote individuals who were residents of Bedford County prior to the war, served in the Patriot forces, and then continued to reside here until their deaths. The war service records of the majority of these individuals have been properly verified. The names and data enclosed within parentheses denote individuals for which I have not yet found accurate service references. If any compatriot member of the Blair County Chapter can provide verifiable service references for these individuals, or birth/death/marriage information wherever a blank space exists, please submit such information to:

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- JOHANNES GEORGE MACK Born: Died: 02 April, 1810 Resided in Greenfield Township; and buried in Mock-Moses Cemetery, Freedom Township. Served in Captain James A. Wilson's Company of the Sixth Pennsylvania Battalion.
- {JAMES MARR Born: Died: Buried in Collinsville Cemetery, Pleasant Valley Altoona, PA. Service unknown.}
- {JOSEPH MARTIN Born: Died: 03 June, 1781 Buried near the site of the Engagement of Frankstown. Served in Captain John Boyd's Company of Rangers, Bedford County Militia.}
- {DOUGLAS McCARTNEY Born: 1756 Died: 14 June, 1822 Buried in Howell Cemetery, Pleasant Valley, Altoona, PA. Served in the Bedford County Militia.}
- ANGUS McDONALD Born: Died: Resided in Frankstown Township; gravesite unknown. Served as a corporal in Captain Robert Cluggage's Company of Colonel William Thompson's Battalion of Riflement in 1775.
- NICHOLAS McGUIRE Born: 1753 Died: 13 April, 1813 Buried in Nelson Cemetery, Newry. Served in the Maryland Militia, raised in May, 1781 in Frederick County.
- JAMES McILVAIN Born: 1752 Died: 07 December, 1836 Resided at Williamsburg, PA; gravesite unknown. Served in Captain Thomas Askey's Company, the 1<sup>st</sup> Company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Cumberland County Militia in 1777; and subsequently in the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line.
- THOMAS McMILLAN Born: 1756 Died: 03 November, 1836 Buried in Arch Spring Presbyterian Cemetery, Sinking Valley. Served in Captain William McCullough's Company, the 1<sup>st</sup> Company of the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Lancaster County Militia in 1778.
- ANDREW McPHERRAN Born: 1755 Died: 16 June, 1829 Buried in Arch Spring Presbyterian Cemetery, Sinking Valley. Served in Captain Thomas Church's Company of the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line.
- {PATRICK McQUELLEN Born: Died: Buried in Mount Zion Cemetery. Service unknown.}
- ALEXANDER McQUILLEN Born: Died: Buried in McQuillen Cemetery, Tyrone, PA. Served in Captain William Scull's Company of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line; and subsequently in Captain Jacob Weaver's Company of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line.
- CHARLES McQUILLEN Born: Died: Buried in McQuillen Cemetery, Tyrone, PA. Served in the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line.
- {THOMAS McWILLIAMS Born: 1750 Died: 05 November, 1830 Buried in Arch Spring Presbyterian Cemetery, Sinking Valley. Service unknown.}
- WILLIAM McWILLIAMS Born: Died: Buried in Arch Spring Presbyterian Cemetery, Sinking Valley. Served as a lieutenant in the Washington County Militia.
- CONRAD METZGER Born: Died: 1800 Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Martinsburg, PA. Served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Company of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Lancaster County Militia.
- PETER MICHAEL Born: 1751 Died: 1839 Buried in Newry Lutheran Church Cemetery, Newry, PA. Served in Captain Jacob Buss' Company, the 1<sup>st</sup> Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Northampton County Militia.
- ABRAHAM MILLER, Sr Born: Died: Buried in Sorrick Farm Graveyard on Clover Creek. Served in Lieutenant Colonel Ludwick Weltner's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vacant Company of the Pennsylvania German Regiment.
- {ARTHUR MOONEY Born: Died: 08 November, 1839 Resided at Hollidaysburg, PA; gravesite unknown. Service unknown.}
- DANIEL MOORE Born: 30 August, 1750 Died: 22 September, 1827 Buried in Presbyterian Cemetery, Hollidaysburg, PA. Served as a corporal in Captain George Calhoun's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Continental Line.

JACOB MOYER Born: 1758 Died: 01 January, 1828 Resided in Antis Township; gravesite unknown. Served in Captain Henry Bicker, Jr's Company of the Fourth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line.

HENDERSON MURPHY Born: Died: 03 June, 1781 Buried near the site of the Engagement of Frankstown. Served in Captain John Boyd's Company of Rangers, Bedford County Militia.

NICHOLAS NACHBAR Born: Died: October, 1821 Buried in Logan Valley Cemetery, Bellwood, PA. Served on the armed boat *General Washington* under Captain John M'Fatrigh, Pennsylvania Navy.

ELIJAH PHILLIPS Born: 1766 Died: Buried on the Elmer Treese Farm on Clover Creek. Elijah Phillips was a son of Captain William Phillips, and a member of the scouting party which was ambushed on 16 July, 1780 in the Woodcock Valley. Elijah is included in a listing of soldiers receiving depreciation pay for their Revolutionary War service.

{THOMAS PRICE Born: Died: Buried in Charlottesville Cemetery. Service unknown.}

{LEMUEL ROOT Born: 06 July, 1760 Died: 11 October, 1850 Buried in Antis Cemetery, near Bellwood in Antis Township. Served in Captain White's Company of the Massachusetts Militia, and participated in the Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775.}

ISAAC ROSEBROUGH Born: 1760 Died: 1832 Resided in Allegheny Township; gravesite unknown. Served in Captain James Moore's Company of the Fourth Pennsylvania Battalion, Continental Line.

JACOB SCHMITT, Sr Born: 1750 Died: July, 1797 Resided in Woodberry Township; and buried in Smith Cemetery, Smith Corner, Freedom Township. Served in an undesignated Company of Rangers in the Bedford County Militia.

JOHN SHIRLEY Born: 17 November, 1728 Died: 26 August, 1821 Resided near Newry, PA; and buried in Nelson Cemetery, Newry, PA. Served in the Surplus Company of the Maryland Militia.

JAMES SOMMERVILLE Born: Died: Buried in the Holliday Burial Ground, Hollidaysburg, PA. Served in Captain William McCall's Company of the Bedford County Militia.

{ADAM SOUDER Born: 02 September, 1762 Died: 08 November, 1853 Buried in Spring Hope Cemetery, Martinsburg, PA. Service unknown.}

{GILES STEVENS Born: 1747 Died: 1836 Resided in Antis Township; and buried in Charlottesville Cemetery, Bellwood, PA. Served as a sergeant in Captain Thomas Cluggage's Company of the Bedford County Militia.}

JACOB STIFLER Born: 1732 Died: November, 1807 Resided in Greenfield Township; gravesite unknown. Served in Captain Peter Zolinger's Company, the 4<sup>th</sup> Company of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the York County Militia in 1778.

ADAM STONEBRAKER Born: 1750 Died: 01 November, 1827 Resided in Franklin Township; and buried on the Benjamin Everhart Farm, Bald Eagle Furnace, Snyder Township. Served in Captain Benjamin Weiser's Company of the German Regiment, Continental Line.

HENRY TANTLINGER Born: Died: 03 June, 1781 Buried near the site of the Engagement of Frankstown. Served in Captain John Boyd's Company of Rangers, Bedford County Militia.

JOHN THOMAS Born: Died: 03 June, 1781 Buried near the site of the Engagement of Frankstown. Served in Captain John Boyd's Company of Rangers, Bedford County Militia.

JOHN TREESE Born: 1757 Died: 04 March, 1826 Resided in Allegheny Township; gravesite unknown. Served in Captain Henry Shade's Company of Colonel Samuel Miles' Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment.

WILLIAM TUCKER Born: Died: 03 June, 1781 Buried near the site of the Engagement of Frankstown. Served in Captain John Boyd's Company of Rangers, Bedford County Militia.

{TIMOTHY VAN SCOYOC Born: Died: Resided in Antis Township; gravesite unknown. Served in the New York Militia.}

THOMAS WILT Born: 1757 Died: 1847 Resided in Greenfield Township; gravesite unknown. Served in Captain Abraham Furrey's Company, the 4<sup>th</sup> Company of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the York County Militia in 1781.

CHRISTIAN YOUNG Born: 1760 Died: 16 October, 1833 Buried in Howell Cemetery, Pleasant Valley, Altoona, PA. Served in Captain Christopher Johnson's Company, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Northampton County Militia and in Captain Francis Rhoads' Company, the 7<sup>th</sup> Company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Northampton County Militia.

{JOHN ULRICH ZETH Born: 1758 Died: 1820 Buried in Claysburg Union Cemetery, Claysburg, PA. Service unknown.}

#### BRITISH/HESSIANS BURIED IN BLAIR COUNTY

There are three individuals whose remains lie in the ground of Blair County who were Hessian soldiers, fighting for the British during the Revolutionary War. Their names are included in this list in order to note that they were not Patriots. Researchers in the past have sometimes erroneously honored them as being Patriots. They are as follows:

{HARMON DICK Born: Died: Buried in Lower Cemetery, Roaring Spring, PA. Service unknown.}

KASPAR DILLINGER Born: 25 April, 1759 Died: 1838 Buried in Rebecca Furnace Farm Cemetery, on Tussey Mountain near Fredericksburg, PA. Served as a regular in the Lieb Company of the ErbPrinz Regiment. In October, 1781 Kaspar Dilling(er) was captured at Yorktown and, as a prisoner, was taken to a POW camp at Frederick, Maryland. In May, 1783 as he was being transported to New York City (then still held by the British), Dilling escaped. At no time between May and November of 1783 did he join the Patriot forces.

{FREDERICK SINGER Born: Died: Resided in Greenfield Township; and buried in Freedom Township on his farmstead. Service unknown.}

As I stated at the beginning of this list, I welcome any information my compatriot members can provide to me in regard to verifying the war service records of these Patriots. I will be sending this list of Blair Co. burials to the PASSAR Graves Committee soon, so please respond soon if you can. I plan to aim for a Blair County Dedication ceremony some time next spring/summer.

# 1994 MEETING SCHEDULE, BLAIR COUNTY CHAP.

The following dates have been set up for meetings of the Blair County Chapter, SAR for the year 1994. You are encouraged to attend the meetings and dinner-meetings if you are able.

January 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting	12:00 noon	Kings Family Restaurant
February 19	George Washington's Birthday	12:00 noon	Altoona Ramada (hosted by SAR)
April 16	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting	12:00 noon	Kings Family Restaurant
July 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting	12:00 noon	Kings Family Restaurant
September 17	Constitution Day Dinner	12:00 noon	(location to be announced)
October 29	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting	12:00 noon	Kings Family Restaurant
December 3	Annual Meeting	12:00 noon	(location to be announced)

## 1993 Annual Meeting Cancelled

### *Installation of officers during 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Meeting*

The Annual Meeting of the Blair County Chapter, which had been scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 1993 was cancelled due to the low number of compatriots who planned to attend. The Annual Meeting has, in the past few years, been the highest attended event by Blair County Chapter compatriot members. Only the Constitution Day Dinner and the George Washington Birthday Dinner normally come close to matching the attendance at the Annual Meeting. But the larger numbers of attendees at those two events is attributed to the fact that members of the local DAR chapters attend also, boosting the attendance figure. It was therefore quite surprising when only nine compatriot members of our chapter decided to attend this year's Annual Meeting. It was decided to cancel this year's event and perform the installation of officers at the first quarterly meeting in 1994 (January 8).

If you plan to attend the first quarterly meeting, please be aware that, as with the planned Annual Meeting, your spouse is welcome to attend. Business will be conducted as usual in the quarterly meetings, and it should be remembered that non-members of the chapter should refrain from participating in the discussion.

### *A 1778 Patriot's Ballad: CHESTER*

Let tyrants shake their iron rod,  
And slavery clank her galling chains;  
We fear them not, we trust in God—  
New England's God for ever reigns.

Howe and Burgoyne, and Clinton, too,  
With Prescott and Cornwallis joined;  
Together plot our overthrow,  
In one infernal league combined.

When God inspired us for the fight,  
Their ranks were broke, their lines were forced;  
Their ships were shattered in our sight,  
Or swiftly driven from our coast.

The foe comes on with haughty stride;  
Our troops advance with martial noise;  
Their veterans flee before our youth,  
And generals yield to beardless boys.

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What grateful offering shall we bring?  
What shall we render to the Lord?  
Loud hallelujahs let us sing,  
And praise His name on every chord.

The foregoing ballad/hymn, *Chester*, was written by William Billings and appeared in published form circa 1778. It became one of the most widely sung of all Revolutionary War period songs.



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PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENT

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This is an advertisement for a personal project, and is in no way endorsed or sponsored by the Blair County Chapter, S.A.R. Approval to include it in this Chapter Newsletter was granted by the members present at the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting, 1993 of the Blair County Chapter.

**PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**HERALDIC REGISTER**

Heraldry began as a system of insignia which, when applied to a banner, shield or clothing would identify the bearer. Instituted originally as a means of identification for warring factions, heraldry eventually evolved into a system by which descendants of a particular individual (who had distinguished himself in some way and was granted a coat of arms) could identify themselves as kinsmen of that individual. The recipient of an heraldic insignia or coat of arms was usually a nobleman or hero in battle.

This REGISTRY has been inaugurated in order to establish an heraldic system to honor our *Revolutionary War Patriot* ancestors. They, through their patriotic endeavors, were America's true noblemen and they deserve to be honored by the age-old practice of heraldry. The descendants of those Patriots deserve to benefit from the recognition that heraldry inherently accords.

Any person who can trace his/her direct lineal descent from a Patriot of the American Revolution may be eligible to be included in the *Register*.

Most countries, except the United States of America, have had or currently have a system of heraldry to honor their national heroes. The United States of America never had any such heraldic system other than *hereditary societies* such as the DAR and the Sons of the American Revolution. Despite the fact that both of those societies are founded upon principles which include honoring our ancestral heroes of the Revolutionary War, the *identity* of the individual Patriots become blended together into a shared (and, as a consequence, homogenized) identity ~ and that shared identity is symbolized by the S.A.R. (or DAR) Insignia. The Insignia is really nothing more than an *Heraldic Achievement*, commonly referred to as a "Coat of Arms", carrying with it all the symbolism and meaning that an Achievement would.

My intentions with the establishment of this *Patriots of the American Revolution Heraldic Register* is to recognize the individual Patriot as one of our true national heroes. The issuance of an heraldic achievement to the Patriot will honor him (or her) and his (or her) descendants in the more personal manner that traditional heraldry has always been based upon.

A secondary purpose of this project is to establish a formal registry for *America*. So many Americans take pride in their *European* ancestral heraldic heritages. It is time that an American system be established to honor the true creators of the United States of America.

If you would like more information on how this project will function, please contact me for a prospectus at the following address:

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