



The Sons of the American Revolution Catawba Coalition



A monthly Newsletter for
The Catawba Valley Chapter of
The Sons of the American Revolution

President's Report

Greetings Compatriots

The past month has been rather hectic in preparing for our national event, the Commemoration of the 242nd anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, two grave markings that have turned into three grave markings, and the activities surrounding Patriots Day. As you can see from the photos, chapter members are descending upon cemeteries over 6 counties placing flags on Patriot's Graves in recognition of Patriots Day, April 18th. There are plenty more to do. If you would like to join in, please call me, I have the flags on hand. A heart felt thank you to Roy Lightfoot, Chris Stone, Stephen McKee and Lisa Pupkiewicz for their dedication. They always seem to be present for chapter events and are a great asset to NC SAR. We have plenty of things to do and always seek hands on participation. As of this printing, we have placed 29 flags.

Our next Chapter meeting is scheduled for 14 May 2022 at Palermo's Family Italian & Greek Restaurant, Conover NC, at noon. We are please to announce a special speaker, Mr. Fred Weyler of Mount Juliet, TN will speake to us about The Battle of Kings Mountain.

All the King's Horses at
Kings Mountain
07Oct1780
Fred Weyler



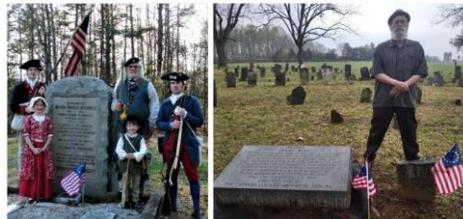
Fred is a member of the Andrew Jackson Chapter TN SAR. Fred has written several books on this and other Revolutionary War subjects, including: "All the King's Horses at Kings Mountain 07Oct1780", pictured here. Fred is a great speaker and will be traveling from just outside Nashville TN to be with us. Please come out to support your Chapter and this wonderful guest.

Many of you will be joining in on the Old St Paul's Cemetery grave marking, and I am pleased that we have proven one more Patriot there, Jacob Friederich Mauser, a signer of the Tryon Resolves. I had to call the monument company to add a name. The new development now makes a total of twelve Patriots on this stone.

The stone for the Littlejohn Cemetery grave marking is ready. The date for the ceremony has been set for June 11th. We are asking for all who can to assemble for Color Guard at 9:30 am at 4120 Littlejohn Church Rd, Lenoir NC, 28645. Please, call or email to let me know if you can attend.

Catawba Valley Chapter finished up the month with two JROTC Banquets. Pictured at the Right is Chapter President presenting the Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Ryder Phares of Bunker Hill High School and Chapter Treasurer Derrick Walker presenting the Bronze Medal and Certificate to Cadet Daniel Eblen of Fred T. Foard High School. A great time was had by all. HAZZAH

Compatriots, we need help proving a man's patriotism. Mr. John Setzer, 1754-1822. His was Son of Jacob and Mary Magdalene Bovey/Povey Setzer and was married to (1) Catherine Bushart Barringer and (2) Christina Moose Anthony. John is buried at Old St Paul's in Newton and is the last to be proven for the grave marking in May for the 12 proven patriots buried there. John would make 13. Any assistance is valued.



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“The Halifax Resolves”

Two dates appear on the North Carolina state flag, and many people do not know what important events in the American Revolution they represent. The dates, 20 May 1775 and 12 April 1776, represent the dates of the Mecklenburg Declaration, and the Halifax Resolves respectively. Both placed North Carolina at the forefront of the American independence movement during the Revolution. In this article, the Halifax Resolves will be reviewed.

On 19 April 1775, the Battle of Lexington and Concord occurred in Massachusetts, however, news of this event did not reach New Bern until 6 May. Throughout that year, the Patriots were organizing their resistance to the Crown. Provincial Congresses had been organized in 1774 and early 1775. The Third Provincial Congress of North Carolina was organized in August 1775, and ordered the enlistment of the state's first Continental soldiers, and developed a Council of Safety consisting of thirteen delegates, which oversaw the colony's resistance. The state was divided into six military districts for the purpose of organizing the militia, and arranging the representation in the executive body.

In early 1776, the British authorities in the state planned to use the allegiances to the Crown of the Scottish immigrants in the area around the Cape Fear River to their advantage, and organize a Loyalist force to march towards Wilmington. The Loyalists had been convinced they were to join up with a group of British regulars who would soon be landing on the coast. The Council of Safety acted quickly, and on 27 February 1776, the Patriot force soundly defeated the Loyalists at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge.

Two months later, on 12 April 1776, the Fourth Provincial Congress unanimously adapted the Halifax Resolves, which officially endorsed the state's independence from Great Britain. These Resolves were presented to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

The Halifax Resolves reads as follows:

The Select Committee taking into Consideration the usurpations and violences attempted and committed by the King and Parliament of Britain against America, and the further Measures to be taken for frustrating the same, and for the better defence of this province reported as follows, to wit,

It appears to your Committee that pursuant to the Plan concerted by the British Ministry for subjugating America, the King and Parliament of Great Britain have usurped a Power over the Persons and Properties of the People unlimited and uncontroled and disregarding their humble Petitions for Peace, Liberty and safety, have made divers Legislative Acts, denouncing War Famine and every Species of Calamity daily employed in destroying the People and committing the most horrid devastations on the Country. That Governors in different Colonies have declared Protection to Slaves who should imbrue their Hands in the Blood of their Masters. That the Ships belonging to America are declared prizes of War and many of them have been violently seized and confiscated in consequence of which multitudes of the people have been destroyed or from easy Circumstances reduced to the most Lamentable distress.

And whereas the moderation hitherto manifested by the United Colonies and their sincere desire to be reconciled to the mother Country on Constitutional Principles, have procured no mitigation of the aforesaid Wrongs and usurpations and no hopes remain of obtaining redress by those Means alone which have been hitherto tried, Your Committee are of Opinion that the house should enter into the following Resolve, to wit

Resolved that the delegates for this Colony in the Continental Congress be empowered to concur with the other delegates of the other Colonies in declaring Independency, and forming foreign Alliances, resolving to this Colony the Sole, and Exclusive right of forming a Constitution and Laws for this Colony, and of appointing delegates from time to time (under the direction of a general Representation thereof to meet the delegates of the other Colonies for such purposes as shall be hereafter pointed out.

Within two months, representatives from North Carolina signed the Declaration of Independence, and in November, the Fifth Provincial Congress approved the state's first constitution.

Without the push from North Carolina, and her taking the forefront, independence from Great Britain may have taken several more months to achieve.

Roy C Lightfoot

The Catawba Valley Chapter
of the
Sons of the American Revolution

“The Patriot’s Corner”

The next installment of “The Patriot’s Corner” comes from Catawba Valley Chapter past-President, and North Carolina State Past-Vice President Jack Bowman with his ancestor, Jacob Walter (1760 – 1842?).

Jacob was born on 17 July 1760, possibly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to unknown parents. On 2 August 1778, he was living in Middletown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and enlisted in the 4th Pennsylvania Line with the artillery, under the command of Captain Isaac Coren’s Company. This artillery unit was under Colonel Proctor’s Regiment, and Jacob was assigned the job of matross. A matross’ job was to assist the gunners in loading, firing, and sponging the field pieces. They were provided with firelocks, marched with the store wagons where they acted as guards, and were ranked as a private of artillery, which ranked next below the gunner in the gun crew.

Shortly after enlisting, Walter’s unit marched to Philadelphia, where he was made an artificier, who made ammunition, while was serving under Captain Porter. During his service, the Regiment fought at Brandywine, Paoli, Germantown, Monmouth, and the Sullivan Expedition. Unfortunately, no mention of these battles or Walter’s involvement in them are shown in the pension records. In addition, the Regiment was also at Valley Forge, although documents show he was on furlough during their time there.

Records do show that Jacob’s brother Michael fought with the 3rd and 4th Pennsylvania Regiments. He was also assigned to the artillery units, and was at Valley Forge, and the Battle of Germantown.

On 16 July 1780, Jacob married Eleanora Helena Beck at St. Michael’s and Zion Church in Philadelphia. All eleven of their children are noted in the church records as being born in Philadelphia. They had six daughters and five sons, who were born between the years of 1781 and 1808. In order of birth, they were Maria, Elisabeth, Jacob, Julianna, Fredrich, Henry, Eleanore, Isaac, Mathilda, Ann Mathilda, and Henrietta.

On 17 January 1781, Walter’s Regiment was furloughed at Trenton, New Jersey. Jacob appears in the payroll records up until the unit was disbanded on 1 January 1783.

Records show Jacob Walter was buried at the same site as his wife in the Second Independent Church of Christ, commonly called the Universalist of the Northern Liberties of the City of Philadelphia. His wife Eleanor was buried in 1842, and records show that Jacob and Ellen Walter were disinterred, and then reinterred in one of their son Henry’s lots in late October or early November 1852. In 1951, the Philadelphia Housing Authority purchased the location of the cemetery for the purpose of building subdivisions on its location. Some remains were moved to Philadelphia Memorial Park in Frazer, Pennsylvania, while others were moved to Mount Peace Cemetery in Philadelphia, and Lawnview Cemetery in Rockledge. There is no record of the Walter family being removed. Many of the remains were placed in a common grave in Philadelphia Memorial Park.

Roy C Lightfoot

This section of the Newsletter is designed to highlight Patriot Relatives of our Chapter members. Let us know about your Patriot so that we may publish it here. Send your Patriot biographical information to lennon.0102@yahoo.com or capn_roy@hotmail.com Thank you!

Please join us at our next meeting, 14 May 2022 at Palermo’s Family Italian & Greek Restaurant, 924 Conover Blvd W, Conover NC. A meal may be ordered at 11:00, the meeting begins at Noon. Hope to see you there.



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Chapter Happenings

Patriot's Day, is Monday, **April 18, 2022**. As is our usual mode of recognition, several members will place flags on Patriot Graves around our region. If you would like to join in on this great event, Catawba Valley Chapter has flags in hand for this purpose. Please let Chapter President Ben Setser know how many flags you need and where you will be using them.

Patriot's Day, Monday **April 18, 2022**, Catawba Valley chapter with components of our Color Guard will present Catawba County Board of Commissioners with a Patriots Day Proclamation at their regular meeting at 7:00 pm.

NC SAR Annual Meeting, Friday & Saturday, April 22 & 23, 2022, Wyndham Garden Hotel, 415 S Swing Rd, Greensboro, NC 27409, beginning at 5:00 pm Friday and all day Saturday. Register here <https://ncssar.org/event/nc-sar-annual-meeting/>

NCDAR Grave Marking, Sunday, **May 1, 2022**, 1:30 PM, Bethabara God's Acre, Winston-Salem, NC, conducted by **Battle of Shallow Ford Chapter DAR** for Lt John Shamel, followed by a gathering at Historic Bethabara Visitor Center.

NC SAR Grave Marking, Saturday, **May 21, 2022**, 10:00 am, for Patriot Charles Crawford Lewis, conducted by Blue Ridge Chapter SAR at Green Hill Community Center, US HWY 64, Rutherfordton NC.

Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Friday-Sunday, **June 3-5, 2022**: Friday, Reception 4-6 pm at Hampton Inn Lincolnton; Supper 6:30-8:00 pm, Court Street Grill; Ghost Walk, on the battle field, 6:00-9:00 pm; Saturday, Commemoration and speaker 10:00 am at the mass grave; Lunch and speaker 12:00-1:30 pm, near the Cabin; Battle Reenactment, 2:00-3:00 pm, behind the Cabin, Ghost Walk, 6:00-9:00 pm; Sunday, Religious service, on reenactment field, 10:00 am, Battle Reenactment, 1:00-2:00 pm. Register here <https://ncssar.org/event/242nd-commemoration-of-the-battle-of-ramsours-mill/>

NC SAR Grave Marking, Saturday, **June 11, 2022**, 10:00 am, for Patriot Adam Setser, conducted by Catawba Valley Chapter SAR at Littlejohn Methodist Church,

There are two upcoming grave markings that we have planned. The stone for the twelve patriots at Old St Paul's Cemetery has been ordered and should be in place by the end of the month. We have tentatively set the date for May 21st, in order for State Dignitaries to be present, but of course, this is dependent on having the stone in place. For those who desire to get the full credit for the eleven previously unmarked patriots in this function, we are going to have to do it in three stages. At our publicized marking ceremony, we will do the paperwork for the first five name on the stone, return on July 9th to repeat the ceremony and complete the paperwork for the next five, the 11th patriot was just added and a date is upcoming to repeat the ceremony and do the paperwork for the last Patriot. Keep in mind, there is still another man in that cemetery that has not been proven and the search goes on.

The stone for Littlejohn's Cemetery is here. The date has been set for 11 June 2022 so as to have out of state family members of the Patriot can be present.

We need all who can to attend. Please contact the Chapter President if you can serve as Color Guard.

Upcoming SAR events

Apr 18 . . . Patriots Day

Apr 22/23. NCSAR Annual Meeting

May 21 . . . SAR Grave Marking

Apr 18 . . . Patriots Day Proclamation

May 1 . . . DAR Grave Marking

Jun 4 . . . Battle of Ramsour's Mill

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Did You Know?

Haym Solomon, the Jew who saved the American Revolution was born in Poland and immigrated to New York as a young man where he opened a bank and made a fortune exchanging currencies (keep in mind, each colony had its own money at the time in addition to the British pound and Spanish dollar). After joining the Sons of Liberty, Solomon was jailed and his business shut down for financially supporting the resistance. After his release, he relocated to Boston and restarted his business. In Boston, Solomon was approached by financier Robert Morris to raise funds for the Continental Army. Haym invested hundreds of thousands of dollars of his own money to the cause that was never returned. Haym Solomon died in 1785 at 44 years of age from the lingering effect of disease he contracted while imprisoned by the British.