



The Husker Patriot



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AMERICA 250! THE BOSTON TEA PARTY



From the Desk of the President

Presidents Message

Compatriots, Ladies and Friends,

I pray that all have had an opportunity to share in the joy of the season. It is a good time to be thank you for the blessing that we have received, most especially for the freedoms we possess in this great nation.

Our chapters have elected their new officers and should be installing them shortly. I encourage every member to ask their chapter leaders or state officers how they can be of help within the society. I am sure that there are many opportunities share our skills and interests with our fellow compatriots.

NESSAR is like every thing else. As we give of our time and talents, we receive for more return.

As a reminder, the April 2024 Meeting will soon be here. Not only will we be installing our new officers, but revisiting our By-laws and hearing about the upcoming National Congress this summer. I hope to see many of you there.

In conclusion, thank you for your contributions leading to the growth of the society over the past year and the support you have given to your state and chapter officers.

Thomas Upton

President, Nebraska Society, Sons of the American Revolution



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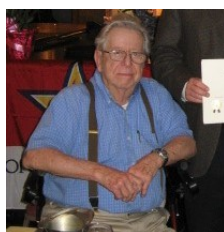
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Fred Strider, PhD—#182914

May 1, 1933-Sep 28, 2023

Former Omaha Chapter Secretary and Vice President, Fred Strider, PhD, passed away on Sep 28, in Omaha. He joined the Nebraska SAR on Mar 16, 2012 and was descended from



Patriot Timothy Hannum, a Corporal in the Massachusetts Militia.

Rest in Peace, Compatriot!

State Society News



Welcome New Members!

Robert Steven Wolfe #228478
 Patriot William McClellan (VA)
 Member-at-Large, Kearney, NE

Approved Supplementals

Robert Lee Knott, Jr. #161712
 Patriot—James Hinds (VA)
 Omaha Chapter

Nebraska SAR Salutes its Long Term Members

5 Years

Dean Knight #206214
 Approved: Feb 2, 2018
 Lincoln Chapter

Ward Matthew Reesman #207092
 Approved: Feb 15, 2018
 Member at Large—Omaha

Stan Smith #207092
 Approved: Apr 6, 2018
 Lincoln Chapter

Charles Tomlinson #208810
 Approved: Sep 7, 2018
 Lincoln Chapter

10 Years

Kevin Walden #186436
 Approved: Feb 25, 2013
 Omaha Chapter

Chris Moberg #187153
 Approved: May 2, 2013
 Dual Member—MN, Omaha Chapter

Jim Sly #188302
 Approved: Aug 12, 2013
 Omaha Chapter

Ron Stites #188303
 Approved: Aug 12, 2013
 Omaha Chapter

John Claasen #189537
 Approved: Dec 31, 2013
 Omaha Chapter

15 Years

Oryl Fischer #171613
 Approved: May 7, 2008
 Member at Large—Broken Bow, NE

Jeremy Fischer #173103
 Approved: Dec 19, 2008
 Omaha Chapter

20 Years

Bob Knott #161712
 Approved: Dec 11, 2003
 Omaha Chapter

25 Years

John Parsons #149646
 Approved: Jan 26, 1998
 Omaha Chapter

Peter Heineman #150471
 Approved: Jul 16, 1998
 Member at Large—Council Bluffs

Congratulations and thank you for
 your long, sustained membership in
 the Nebraska SAR!!

2023 State Registrar Report

I have some great numbers to report to you concerning applications and membership for our 2023 Year End Report!

YTD 2023:
 Online Membership inquiries: 33
 Other Membership inquiries: 10

 New Members added: 25
 Supplementals approved: 10
 Pended applications: 4
 Reinstatements: 4
 Transfers in: 4

Applications being worked on: 12
 New Apps waiting at National: 7
 Supplementals at National: 7

Jan 1, 2023 Total Membership: 108
 Dec 31, 2023 Total Membership: 134

This was our best year, in many, many years, on numbers of new members that were admitted to the Society, as well as total membership in the Nebraska SAR.

These numbers are new bars that have been set, and we will work to surpass them in the coming years.

For all you new and transferred in members, we have the Nebraska Member Medal that is available in either large or miniature size. The current price is \$25 for either size medal. Proceeds from the purchase of medals go directly to the Nebraska SAR.



The medal is pictured at right.

If you would like a Nebraska Member Medal, please contact our current Awards Chairman, Ron Stites at: rontami@cox.net.

REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY

The Boston Tea Party

The Tea Act of 1773 was enacted by Parliament in response to the financial burden to the East India Company, brought on by the institution of The Townshend Acts and the subsequent boycotts on British goods into American harbors, and the smuggling of specific goods (at lower prices) of specifically tea. Protests, spurred on by The Sons of Liberty, were planned to keep the tea out of American ports.



In Charleston, the consignees had been forced to resign by early December, and the unclaimed tea was seized by customs officials. There were mass protest meetings in Philadelphia. Benjamin Rush urged his fellow countrymen to oppose the landing of the tea, because the cargo contained "the seeds of slavery". By early December, the Philadelphia consignees had resigned, and in late December the tea ship returned to England with its cargo following a confrontation with the ship's captain. The tea ship bound for New York City was delayed by bad weather; by the time it arrived, the consignees had resigned, and the ship returned to England with the tea.

In every colony except Massachusetts, protesters were able to force the tea consignees to resign or to return the tea to England. In Boston, however, Governor Hutchinson was determined to hold his ground. He convinced the tea consignees, two of whom were his sons, not to back down.

When the tea ship Dartmouth arrived in the Boston Harbor in late November, Whig leader Samuel Adams called for a mass meeting to be held at Faneuil Hall on November 29, 1773. Thousands of people arrived, so many that the meeting was moved to the larger Old South Meeting House. British law required Dartmouth to unload and pay the duties within twenty days or customs officials could confiscate the cargo. The mass meeting passed a resolution, introduced by Adams and based on a similar set of resolutions promulgated earlier in Philadelphia, urging the captain of Dartmouth to send the ship back without paying the import duty. Meanwhile, the meeting assigned twenty-five men to watch the ship and prevent the tea – from being unloaded.

The colonial governor of Massachusetts, Governor Hutchinson, refused to grant permission for the Dartmouth to leave without paying the duty. Two more tea ships, Eleanor and Beaver, arrived in Boston Harbor. On December 16 – the last day of Dartmouth's deadline – approximately 5,000–7,000 people out of an estimated population of 16,000 had gathered around the Old South Meeting House. After receiving a report that Governor Hutchinson had again refused to let the ships leave, Adams announced that "This meeting can do nothing further to save the country." According to a popular story, Adams's statement was a prearranged signal for the "tea party" to begin. However, this claim did not appear in print until nearly a century after the event, in a biography of Adams written by his great-grandson, who apparently misinterpreted the evidence. According to eyewitness accounts, people did not leave the meeting until 10–15 minutes after Adams's alleged "signal", and Adams in fact tried to stop people from leaving because the meeting was not yet

over.

While Samuel Adams tried to reassert control of the meeting, people poured out of the Old South Meeting House to prepare to take action. In some cases, this involved donning what may have been elaborately prepared Mohawk costumes. While disguising their individual faces was imperative, because of the illegality of their protest, dressing as Mohawk warriors was a specific and symbolic choice. It showed that the Sons of Liberty identified with America, over their official status as subjects of Great Britain.



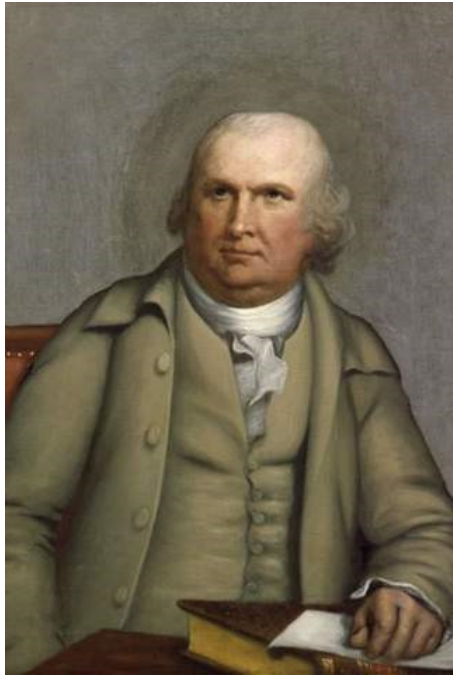
That evening, a group of 30 to 130 men, some dressed in the Mohawk warrior disguises, boarded the three vessels and, over the course of three hours, dumped all 342 chests of tea into the water. The precise location of the Griffin's Wharf site of the Tea Party has been subject to prolonged uncertainty; a comprehensive study places it near the foot of Hutchinson Street (today's Pearl Street). The property damage amounted to the destruction of 92,000 pounds or 340 chests of tea, reported by the British East India Company worth £9,659 (equivalent to £1,305,774 in 2021), or roughly \$1,700,000 in today's money.



MEET MY PATRIOT



Robert Morris (P-252545)



Robert Morris was born on January 20, 1734 in Toxteth, Liverpool, England and died May 8, 1806 in Forked River, Lacey Township, New Jersey. His parents were Robert Morris Sr. and Elizabeth Morphet.

Robert Morris married Mary White, of Philadelphia, on March 2, 1769. She was born in 1749 and died in 1827. Robert and Mary had seven children.

Robert Morris lived a patriotic life to his country, migrating to America in a mercantile shipping and banking company in Philadelphia at the age of 14 years old, through the influence of his father, Robert Morris, Sr., a tobacco trader.

Robert Morris was very successful in many trading and shipping ventures. As known in history, he was called the “Financier of the American Revolution”. Through Morris’ company, as tensions arose with England, his company

brought weapons and gunpowder to the militia.

Morris held positions in the new American government, and oversaw supplies of the Continental Army. As he was in the shipping and banking business, Morris became active in the Continental Navy. Privateering was a common practice in shipping routes throughout the world. Enemy ships would be pillaged and commandeered for the supplies they carried.

Morris was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and the U.S. Constitution, as well as a representative in Pennsylvania.

Robert Morris’s contributions, along with countless other patriots in the colonies, helped defeat the British rule. Along with George Washington and Benjamin Franklin, Robert Morris is depicted in “The Apotheosis of Washington”, a commissioned 1865 post Civil War painting, on the ceiling of the rotunda of the Capitol, depicting Robert Morris being handed a bag of money by the Greek god Mercury.

Robert Morris is buried in Christ Episcopal Church and Churchyard in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Submitted by:
William Heard #226502
Member at Large—Wymore, NE

Patriot Biographies



Compatriots,

We are still in need of your patriot biographies!

As some of my other leadership duties are beginning to wind down, I will be devoting the next couple of years to sourcing and researching the patriots of our Nebraska members, over our entire 133+ year history as a State Society. I want to compile all the biographies into a book to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.

This will not be an easy project and I need your help!

If you have not yet sent me a biography of your patriot, please do so ASAP! I will be sending out specific emails/letters to you, if I don’t have your biography.

If anyone would like to help me research and write any bio for our past member’s patriots, please let me know, as I need the help. Thank you!

- Paul Burright, America 250 committee member

Chapter Chatter

Omaha Chapter

The Omaha Chapter held its Year End Review and Chapter Awards celebration at their monthly meeting on December 12.

Many certificates and medals were conferred on Chapter members.

Anniversary years for members can be seen on page 3.

Color Guard member, Allyn Sheldon, received his Chapter Color Guard pin in recognition of completing his first year of Color Guard Service. Three years of service is required to receive a Color Guard Medal, so the Chapter presents new CG members with the pin after they finish their first year requirements.

Chapter President Paul Burrigh presented Past Chapter President and current State President Tom Upton with the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal for his many years of service to the Chapter as an Officer and leader.

Secretary Mark Byars received the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding work as Chapter Secretary, as well as leadership in the Color Guard, Chapter and State Committees, and also on National level committees, representing the Omaha Chapter at all levels.

First Lady Paula Burrigh received the Chapter level Lydia Darragh Medal for her outstanding work in helping behind the scenes with many of our Chapter hosted events and activities in the many years since President Burrigh has been a Chapter Officer and leader.

The Omaha Chapter also held elections for the upcoming 2024-2025 term of office. The Officers-Elect are:

President—Jim Sly

Vice President—Mark Byars

Secretary—Dan Davis

Treasurer—Andrew Nehls

Registrar—Martin Berman

These officers will be installed at the Omaha Chapter meeting on Jan 9. Congratulations to all the new Chapter Officers!

Lincoln Chapter

The Lincoln Chapter also held officer elections at their chapter meeting on Dec 2.

The Officers-Elect for Lincoln are:

President—John Reinert

Vice President—Open

Secretary—John Braisted

Treasurer—LaVerne Stetson

Registrar—Open

These officers will be installed at the Lincoln Chapter meeting on Jan 6.

As you can see, there are a couple of Officer positions that still need to be filled within the Lincoln Chapter. If any Lincoln Chapter member would like to serve your chapter and take on one of these important roles as an officer, please let a Lincoln chapter, or State officer know. The Lincoln Chapter needs its members to serve and help the chapter grow, and to support the Nebraska SAR in its ever growing mission and event schedule. We cannot grow without your help!

The Lincoln Chapter is also hosting their annual American Heritage Luncheon Banquet on Saturday, Feb 24, at 11:30am. It will once again be held at Havelock Social Hall in Lincoln, NE. The speaker for the program after lunch will be Joan Wells, from the Nebraska Humanities, speaking on the Cattle Trails and songs of the West.

Many people from many different lineage and heritage societies attend this fun and informative banquet. **An RSVP form is located on page 14 of this newsletter edition.** Please consider joining us for this fun event. Make sure you RSVP, so that they can know how many are planning to be there for the lunch.

NESSAR Membership Renewals 2024

Submitted by NESSAR Treasurer William (Bill) Webb

We have had a successful year for renewals.

A summary follows:

State Members

One year renewals	110
Life members	10
Did not renew	13
Jr. Member	1
Reinstated	2

Total State Membership for 2024

Omaha Chapter	67
Lincoln chapter	25
At Large	32

Thanks to those Compatriots able to donate to our special projects. We received a total of \$1974.00 donations for our endeavors.

Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America took place on December 16, 2023 at 44 different cemeteries, in 26 different communities across the great State of Nebraska! It was a cold, blustery day, but volunteers were out at some of the various cemeteries to honor our veterans during this holiday season.

The event has now grown, nationwide, to over 4200 cemeteries, and it all began at Arlington National Cemetery.

One of the largest ceremonies in the state takes place at Omaha National Cemetery. The Omaha Chapter is a fundraising partner with Wreaths Across America for the ceremony that takes place at Omaha National Cemetery.

Thanks to your efforts in either sponsoring wreaths yourself, or getting the word out about sponsoring a wreath, we were able to achieve 333 sponsorships this year! We hope to break that record next year, as 3725 wreaths were laid at the cemetery at this year's event. Thank you so much for your help in this area.

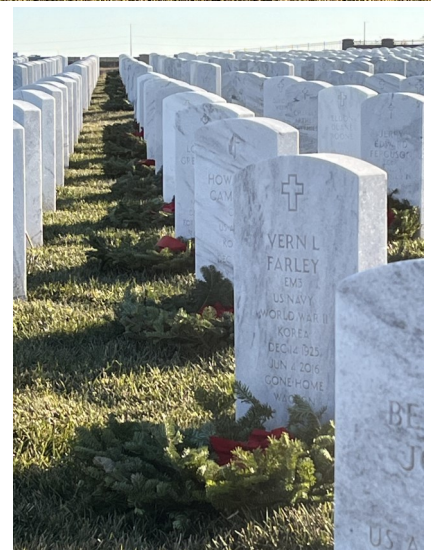
Thank you to all who sponsored a wreath, or volunteered and attended a ceremony this year!



Comaptriots Jim Sly and Todd Vetter at Omaha National Cemetery



Champion Chase Grave (Nebraska SAR's 1st President) at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Omaha



Views at Omaha National Cemetery



Cottonwood Cemetery, Burwell, NE



THOMAS ALFRED CREIGH COMPATRIOT GRAVE MARKING



On Sunday, Oct 22, 2023, the Nebraska SAR hosted its 5th Compatriot Grave Marking ceremony in honor of one of our founding members of the Nebraska SAR and its 2nd State President, Thomas Alfred Creigh.

The SAR was joined by various Chapter, Camps, and Tents from the Nebraska DAR, Department of Nebraska & Dakotas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Department of Nebraska, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Twelve wreaths were laid in honor of Compatriot Creigh by the various Societies. Thomas Creigh's great grandson, James Creigh, was in attendance and read Compatriot Creigh's biography during the ceremony, and James Creigh has submitted membership applications for himself and his two sons for the Omaha Chapter.



Pictures:

Upper Left—North Central District SAR Color Guard

With members from Nebraska, Minnesota, and Iowa

Upper Right—NCD SAR CG with NE Rangers, SUVCW

Right—Thomas Alfred Creigh Headstone w/ SAR marker

Bottom Right—SAR Color Guard with NE Rangers SUVCW

Bottom Left—Nebraska DAR Regent Marcia Shavlik w/ CG escorts

Richard Hulse and Chad Sherrets





DISPATCHES FROM THE COLOR GUARD



October 8, 2023—Red Oak, Iowa

The Nebraska SAR Color Guard participated, in support of the Nebraska DAR, in a grave re-dedication for a DAR Real Daughter, Sarah Fletcher Whitcomb.

Sarah Whitcomb was the daughter of Revolutionary War Patriot, Isaac Fletcher, who served for Massachusetts during the war. She died in 1901 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Red Oak, Iowa. She was a member of the Deborah Avery Chapter of the Nebraska DAR. Her grave was initially marked by the DAR in 1926, and is now re-dedicated, 97 years later.

It was an honor to be a part of the ceremony for our sisters in the DAR!





DISPATCHES FROM THE COLOR GUARD



November 12, 2023

The Nebraska SAR Color Guard was once again mustered for participation in the Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Lincoln, NE.

It is a fairly short and flat parade route, marching up K Street, starting at Lincoln High School and finishing at the State Capitol Building.

This is the 4th year that we have participated in this parade.

Mustering for the event were Mark Byars, Chad Callenius, Allyn Sheldon, and Commander Chad Sherrets. They marched very close to, and were joined by, members of the Deborah Avery Chapter, Nebraska DAR, who were also in period dress for the occasion. This is the first time we have had a SAR/DAR combined picture with members all in period dress.

Huzzah!





Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary Re-enactment, A Firsthand Account

By Mark A. Byars

On December 16, 2023, the Massachusetts SAR hosted compatriots from several states to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. The Massachusetts SAR partnered with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the oldest chartered Masonic lodge in the western hemisphere, and Revolution 250, a consortium of historical organizations in Massachusetts, to mark the occasion.

The day began with a symposium of seven notable authors. The lectures were held in the auditorium of the Grand Lodge, itself an historic building located on Tremont Street just off Boston Common. In 1773, several Masons planned and participated in the Tea Party, and many symposium speakers highlighted the fraternal relationships among the Sons of Liberty who drove the revolutionary cause. Highlights included the lecture of Benjamin Carp, author of *Defiance of the Patriots* (2011, Yale University Press), who reviewed the events leading up to the Tea Party, and the presentation of Brooke Barbier, author of *King Hancock* (2023, Harvard University Press), who profiled the paradoxical motivations of Boston's wealthiest man in supporting the destruction of the tea.

The Masons also displayed several revolutionary artifacts that are not often available for public view. When the Grand Lodge was founded in 1733, member Masons met at the Bunch of Grapes tavern. In 1766, the Masons moved their lodge to the Green Dragon Tavern, which also became the unofficial headquarters of the Sons of Liberty. The Tea Party was planned at the Green Dragon, and Paul Revere's ride to Lexington on April 19, 1775 started from there as well. Though the building was

demolished in 1832, the Masons are still in possession of the Green Dragon that hung above the tavern door.



Other noteworthy artifacts included the bible of Dr. Joseph Warren, a flintlock pistol owned by Paul Revere, and an original printing of Paul Revere's engraving of the Boston Massacre.

During the symposium's lunch break, I walked across Boston Common to the Granary Burying Ground to pay respects to the patriots at rest there – Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and Paul Revere. Their graves had been decorated and special markers had been placed to commemorate their contributions to the Tea Party.

At about 5:30 pm Saturday evening, the Col. Henry Knox Color Guard of the Massachusetts SAR mustered on Tremont Street, followed by uniformed SAR compatriots from every Society from Maine to Virginia and from as far west as Arkansas – and Nebraska! Also joining the head of the procession were President General John Dodd, Treasurer General Michael Elston, and Historian General Brooks Lyles.

Following this vanguard were several hundred Masons, all of whom led a procession past the historical site of the Liberty Tree to the Old South Meeting House. There the citizens of Boston gathered to hear a reenactment of the town meeting, just as Bostonians had done 250 years earlier.

At 7:15 pm, the William Diamond



Junior Fife & Drum Corps joined the head of the column, and the entire procession – an estimated 10,000 people – began its march to Griffin's Wharf. To see the flag flying at the head of the column, to hear the trill of the fife among the shouts of "Spill the Tea!" and "No Taxation Without Representation!", and to feel the beat of the drum and the press of a celebratory crowd was a genuine thrill.

By 7:45 pm, the procession arrived at the wharf, site of the Boston Tea Party Ships Museum, where professional actors recounted the story of the Tea Party. Chests of tea donated by patriotic Americans from every state in the nation were tossed into the harbor to the enthusiastic cheers of the crowd. Fireworks concluded the festivities, and uniformed SAR Colorguardsmen spent almost an hour granting requests for pictures with excited citizens eager to commemorate their participation in this historic celebration.

On Sunday morning, SAR compatriots and Masons gathered at the Grand Lodge for an ecumenical worship service and brunch to reflect on the events of the weekend. A descendant of Paul Revere shared a few remarks, and the Massachusetts SAR reviewed their plans for the commemorative events to come in 2024 and beyond. The Boston Tea Party of 2023 was certainly a memorable tribute to our patriot fathers, an exciting experience for those who participated, and a worthy kickoff to a Decade of Celebration!



SOCIETY INFORMATION



Contact Information Update

If you, as a Nebraska SAR Member, have recently had a change of address, telephone number, or email contact information, please inform State Secretary, Dale Wostrel at dwestrel43@gmail.com.

Help us keep our records up to date!



SAR Applications

Please submit all applications through the online application system at www.sar.org. If you have any questions, contact the State Registrar, Paul Burright.

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1st Quarter 2024 Meetings and Events

**Saturday, Jan 6—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 11:00am,
Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE**

**Tuesday, Jan 9—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm,
Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE
- Installation of new officers**

**Saturday, Feb 3—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 11:00am,
Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE**

**Tuesday, Feb 13—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm,
Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE**

**Saturday, Feb 24—11th Annual American Heritage Luncheon, 11:30am,
Havelock Social Hall, Lincoln, NE**

**Feb 29-Mar 2—Spring Leadership Meetings
Louisville, KY**

**Saturday, Mar 2—Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 11:00am,
Gere Branch Library, Lincoln, NE**

**Tuesday, Mar 12—Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm,
Gorat's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE**

**Saturday, Mar 16—St. Patrick's Day Parade, 10am,
Omaha, NE**

From the editors—*The Husker Patriot* will be published on the first week of following quarter. For example, the 2nd quarter ends on June 30. The 2nd quarter newsletter will be published the first week of July.

Please be sure to submit any content and photos that you would like to see in the newsletter, on time!

Social Media and Online Presence



Nebraska SAR is online! Visit the Nebraska SAR website at www.nessar.org.

Nebraska SAR Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NebraskaSocietySAR

Omaha SAR Facebook page: www.facebook.com/OmahaSAR

If anyone needs a template to write your Patriot's biography, you can follow this example.



_____ was born _____ to _____ and _____ in _____ and died _____ in _____. He married _____ of _____ (Birth year-death year) on _____ in _____. This marriage produced __ children; _____ (full name year of birth and death i.e. John Smith 1745-1803). He married second, _____ (in format for first wife, children if any).

List anything that is known of his life; occupation, family life, anything of interest.

List Revolutionary War service information and list source.

This does not have to be long and detailed. A short bio of 200 to 500 words is all that is requested. Below is a sample biography.

SAMPLE BIO

Nathaniel Phelps Sr was one of 2 Nathaniels that participated in the American Revolution. They were father and son from Northampton, Hampshire, Massachusetts. Nathaniel Sr was actually the 4th in an unbroken line of 7 Nathaniels who lived and died in Northampton.

Nathaniel Sr was born 13 Dec 1721 to Nathaniel Phelps and Abigail Burnham in Northampton and died 29 Oct 1789 in Northampton. He married Elizabeth Childs of Deerfield, MA (1724-1769) on 19 Mar 1750 in Northampton. This marriage produced 8 children; Burnham Phelps 1752-1772, Elizabeth Phelps 1753-1767, Abigail Phelps 1755-1756, Nathaniel Phelps 1757-1833, Elijah Phelps 1759-1760, Elijah Phelps 1761-1837, Anna Hannah Phelps 1763-1819 and Rufus Phelps 1766-1826. He married second, Rebecca Child.

Nathaniel was a talented and renowned mason, brick layer and stone carver. There are a large number of extant tomb stones in the Northampton and Deerfield cemeteries as well as others in the area. "Phelps was married to a member of the Childs family of Deerfield, which may explain why the Albany Road Burying Ground (Deerfield) has a number of stoners from his shop, identifiable by their simple design, circular face, stylized headgear and wings carved on pink to beige sandstone." Nathaniel was the dominant stonecutter of the area from the 1750-1770's; he went bankrupt in the 1770's but continued his craft until his death, passing his talent and business to his son Elijah. Historic Deerfield Magazine, Autumn 2002 p. 5.

Nathaniel Sr served as a minute man in Captain Ebenezer Strong's (the future father of his son Nathaniel) company of volunteers, 2nd Hampshire Company regiment; service against the insurgents at Northampton May 6, June , 15, 16 and 17, 1782, 4 days, by order of Elisha Porter, Sheriff; company marched for support of the government at Springfield, Northampton and Hadley. Interestingly he is listed in the Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War as Nathaniel Phelps Jr! Also note his advanced age of 61, he obviously thought there was something worth fighting for the true embodiment of the Patriot spirit.



American Heritage Banquet

Hosted by: Lincoln Chapter, Nebraska SAR



Celebrate your Patriotism at an afternoon with:

Joan Wells – “Cattle Trails and Songs of the West”

Havelock Social Hall, Saturday, February 24, 2024, 11:30 am

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Total Buffet Dinner: _____ at \$25.00 each. Total payment enclosed: _____

*Vegetarian option available

Please have your registration in before Monday, February 19, 2024

Make checks payable to: Lincoln Chapter NESSAR

Send payment to:

James L. Hoke
6711 Sumner St
Lincoln, NE 68506
(402) 261-5211

chaphoke@hotmail.com

If you decide to pay at the door, please email or call Jim Hoke with the names and number of guests.

Humanities Nebraska (HN) provides major funding for this program. HN receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and private donations.

The presentation will begin at 1pm and is open to the public at no charge.