



LAFAYETTE CHAPTER NEWS

Sons of the American Revolution

"It is the pride of my heart to have been one of the earliest adopted sons of America." - Marquis de Lafayette



President's Point of View

Patrick Wesolosky, Chapter President



Happy New Year Compatriots!!!

I am honored to be able to serve the Lafayette Chapter as President for this coming year. In my short time as a member of the Lafayette Chapter and the SAR, I have tried to learn as much as possible from all of those around me. I have also tried to become involved in many different aspects of our organization. My participation started as a committee chairman in our chapter but grew to involvement at the State and National levels. I also became a dual member of a few other chapters in the Kentucky Society. And many people may not know that due to a strange twist of fate, I have been President of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter in Louisville for the last year. I will give this office up in April to focus on our chapter.

As we move forward, I am very pleased to be working with our 2023 Officers. They are President-Elect - Steve Gahafer, Vice President - Tim Wisner, Secretary - Tommy Druen, Treasurer - William Redmond, Registrar - Mike Sullivan, Genealogist - Joe Clancy, Chancellor - Sam Burchett, Historian - Kevin Tudor, Surgeon - Jamie Akin, MD, and Chaplain - Nick Blevins. Many of these Compatriots have only been members of the SAR for just a short time, but their energy level and passion are exciting to be apart of as we start the new year.

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President's Point of View (cont.)

But as this new group starts to lead our chapter, I would like to spotlight a few very dedicated individuals that have been leading our chapter for a many of years, Dale Henley, Don Adams, Greg Landon, and Ted Kuster. As we were exiting Covid, Dale lead us forward as President. Don received his 40 Year Service pin at our December meeting, and I would be willing to bet that he was in some position of leadership for all those years including an unequaled time as of Secretary. I was able to see firsthand Greg's detailed organization as Treasurer when I assisted with a yearly audit. His 11 years of service has set the bar high for those that will follow. Lastly, a few of us had the amazing opportunity to help Ted Kuster during Covid place a couple of DAR markers at one of his farms. It was a rewarding chance to work with Ted outside his role a Chaplain.

As we move into the new year, one of the first things the Board of Managers are going to explore is a possible way to lower the price of meals at our chapter meetings. We have already been told by the Embassy Suites that our price is going to increase. The Board of Managers is going to see what options are out there to bring the cost down to where a new younger member joins our chapter that they can afford to come to our meetings. This may involve changing the meeting location, day of the week, or type of meal.

I wish all of you and your families health and good futures as we move in 2023.

With Patriotism,

Patrick



SAR Library Collection



With wintry days in our future for the next couple of months, it's a great time to look into the history of our patriot ancestors. As Kentuckians, we have the unique opportunity of having the National SAR Headquarters right here in our own state, and it is equipped with a phenomenal collection in it's library.

The Library's holdings include family history books; records of states, counties, and cities that composed the original 13 colonies (Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia.); Revolutionary War-period history books, biographies, pension applications, muster rolls, etc.; census records (available in various formats); and much more.

Computers with Internet access are available for use by library patrons. These computers offer free access to research sites, such as: Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. The SAR Patriot Research System can also be searched on the Library's computers which allows users to search for a Revolutionary War patriot's name to see if any member of the SAR has had an application approved based on his ancestor's war service and direct lineal connection to the member. The SAR's Library staff will be glad to assist you with these searches and advise you how you can order copies of applications and/or proof documents from the SAR or the DAR that might aid you in proving your own lineage.

The library is located at the National SAR Headquarters at 809 West Main Street in Louisville.

Hours are Monday through Friday: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, and the third Saturday of the month: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

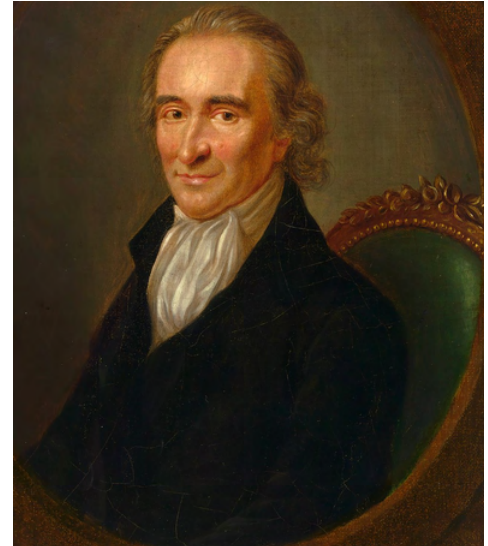


The Forgotten Father

The son of a part-time farmer and corset maker, Thomas Paine was born on January 29, 1736 in the market town of Thetford, England. After attending grammar school, he apprenticed with his father beginning at age 13. Following a brief experience as a privateer, he returned and opened up his own corset shop at age 23.

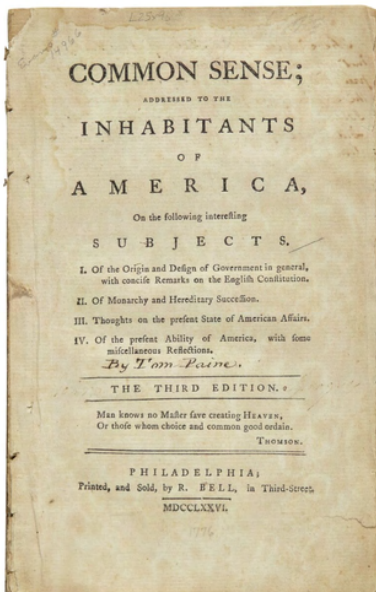
Following a two failed marriages and several failed career changes, Paine moved to London in 1774. Increasingly active in civic affairs, Paine began writing in support of increases wages for excise officers.

It was through his friend George Lewis Scott, Commissioner of the Excise, that he first made the acquaintance of Benjamin Franklin, who was in London on behalf of the colonies in opposition of the Stamp Act and Townshend Acts. Franklin saw promise in Paine and suggested he emigrate to Pennsylvania. He provided a letter of introduction and Paine arrived in Philadelphia on November 30, 1774.



Stricken with typhoid while crossing the Atlantic, Paine took six weeks to recover after his arrival in his new city. Following his recovery, and with Franklin's support, he became the editor of the Pennsylvania Magazine. Paine utilized the magazine to address political issues and took the message to the working class, softly selling the idea of American independence and how that would benefit them especially.

On January 10, 1776, his seminal work *Common Sense* was published, although anonymously. The pamphlet was an immediate success. Within months, 100,000 copies had been spread throughout the colonies. By the end of the Revolution, there had been 500,000 copies disseminated. Remarkable, when it is remembered that the entire population of the American colonies was only two million.



First edition copy of *Common Sense* that recently was sold at auction by Sotheby's for \$250,000.

While the Revolution had already started by the time *Common Sense* was published, the effect it had was immeasurable. The pamphlet was read, shared and read aloud at taverns across the colonies, bolstering the fervor for independence among those of all social classes.

Written in a direct and lively style, the pamphlet made the case that it was not King George III's administration which were incompetent, but rather the King himself. It went on to criticize a monarchy in general, stating that all men are created equal upon creation.

Paine would briefly serve as an aide-de-camp to General Nathanael Greene. In 1781, he accompanied Colonel John Laurens to France as the two set about working with Benjamin Franklin to secure funding assistance.

After the war, Paine became enamored by the French Revolution and relocated to Paris with intent to be instrumental in it as well. Paine was arrested in 1793 and, with confusion about his citizenship, narrowly escaped execution.

In 1794, the United States' Minister to France, James Monroe, negotiated for Paine's release. In 1803, he returned to the United States. He died on June 8, 1809 in the Greenwich Village section of New York City. His body was removed to New Rochelle, New York, his home, yet the local Quakers would

not allow him to be buried in their graveyard. He was buried underneath a walnut tree, yet ten years later his body was dug up by William Cobbett with plans to return it to England for a hero's burial. That plan never came to fruition and the body was still in Cobbett's possession when he passed away. Over the course of the years, several people have claimed to own bones of Thomas Paine.

Chapter Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Lafayette Chapter took place on December 12th at Embassy Suites in Lexington. 29 chapter members were in attendance, with 17 guests with us as well.

The meeting began with Chapter President Dale Henley noting that compatriot Lucien Rice has not been in attendance for several meetings due to ongoing health issues. Please keep Lucien in your thoughts and prayers during this struggle. President Henley then offered an invocation.

The Color Guard posted the colors and Past President Tim Brown led the chapter in both the pledge of allegiance and SAR pledge.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Eddie Price. Mr. Price, a resident of Hancock County, is an author and educator. His presentation the chapter was in regards to how Christmas was observed during the colonial period. Of particular note, he shared how Christmas was observed at General Washington's Mount Vernon, complete with diary entries and the gift list. Mr. Price's presentation was very well received.

Following the presentation, four new members of our chapter received their rosette pins. Those members are Ian McGinnis, Will McGinnis, David DeMarcus and Doug Prather.

With assistance from Mike Sullivan, President Henley presented quite a few compatriots with awards. Those included:

- John Michael Flynn - Bronze Good Citizen Medal for attending over 600 funerals for veterans
- Tim Wisner - Bronze Good Citizen Medal for his work with Southern Cruisers Riding Club and their fundraising for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Patriot Grave Marking Medal, for 27 grave markings
- William "Skip" Redmond - Patriot Grave Marking Medal, for 24 grave markings
- David DeMarcus - War Service Medal, Vietnam Bar
- Steve Gahafer - Dutch Cousins Information Certificate, Patriot Grave Marking Oak Leaf Cluster and Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal Oak Leaf Cluster
- Patrick Wesolosky - Service to Veterans Medal and Patriot Grave Marking Oak Leaf Clusters
- Greg Landon - Silver Roger Sherman Medal for faithful dedication as chapter treasurer for 11 years

Of all the chapter awards offered though, all paled in comparison to Silver Roger Sherman Medal and plaque bestowed to Secretary Don Adams. Secretary Adams has faithfully served in that position for 40 years! His steadfast leadership in that vital role will truly be missed.

After the awards had been presented, Treasurer Greg Landon offered his report. The chapter currently has over \$10,000 in the checking account and another \$1,243 in a money market account that has never been touched. Most of the expenses over the past year have been in regards to chapter dinners and events.

President-Elect Patrick Wesolosky offered information about upcoming events that included wreath placement at Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Purple Heart Monument dedication in Williamstown, Color Guard training in January, the Kentucky Society's spring meeting and a patriot grave marking ceremony to take place in Hopkinsville.



Mr. Eddie Price speaking about how Christmas was observed in the colonies



President Dale Henley, joined by Secretary Don Adams, speaking about Don's faithful dedication as chapter secretary for 40 years.

Chapter Meeting (continued)

Joe Clancy, Registrar, updated the membership information for the past year. Sadly, our chapter lost two members as they passed away. However, we have gained 19 new members, one reinstated member and one transfer member. We currently stand at 151 active members.

In new business, President-Elect Patrick Wesolosky thanked the the nominating committee for their work. The committee was composed of past chapter presidents Tim Brown, Mike Sullivan, Emery Wilson and Vice-President Steve Gahafer. The committee recommended the following slate of chapter officers for the upcoming year, who were elected unanimously:

- President - Patrick Wesolosky
- President-Elect - Steve Gahafer
- Vice-President - Tim Wisner
- Secretary - Tommy Druen
- Treasurer - William "Skip" Redmond
- Registrar - Mike Sullivan
- Genealogist - Joe Clancy
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President Henley pinning Compatriot Doug Prather



President Henley offering the rosette to Compatriot David DeMarcus, who is joined by his wife Nancy

Kentucky Society President-Elect, and Lafayette member, Tim Brown administered the oath of office to the new chapter officers. He then presented President Wesolosky with the chapter gavel. Marika Wesolosky placed the President's Medal around her husband's neck.

In his first official act as Chapter President, Patrick Wesolosky presented a bouquet of flowers to Linda Henley in honor of her support of her husband, Dale, during his two terms as chapter president. He then awarded President Henley the Past Chapter President certificate and pin.



L-R: New compatriots Ian McGinnis and Will McGinnis, Susan McGinnis and President Dale Henley

Following the meeting, members gathered in the lobby for a group photo.



Group photo of chapter members in attendance at the December meeting.



Newly elected Lafayette Chapter President Patrick Wesolosky (R) thanks outgoing President Dale Henley (L), and his wife Linda, for their service to the SAR.

Surgeon's Report



It's Not Too Late To Get The Flu Shot!

The CDC's advisory Committee on Immunization Practices made a universal recommendation for everyone to receive the flu shot each year beginning with the 2010-2011 flu season.

Standard-dose Flu shots are manufactured using virus grown in eggs. Several different brands of standard dose flu shots are available, including Afluria Quadrivalent, Fluarix Quadrivalent, FluLaval Quadrivalent, and Fluzone Quadrivalent. These vaccines are approved for use in children as young as 6 months. Most flu shots are given in the arm (muscle) with a needle. Afluria Quadrivalent can be given either with a needle (for people 6 months and older) or with a jet injector (for people 18 through 64 years only).

A cell-based flu shot (Flucelvax Quadrivalent) containing virus grown in cell culture, which is approved for people 6 months and older. This vaccine is completely egg-free.

An egg-based live attenuated flu nasal spray vaccine (FluMist Quadrivalent) is made with attenuated (weakened) live flu viruses, which is approved for use in people 2 years through 49 years. This vaccine is not recommended for use in pregnant people, immunocompromised people, or people with certain medical conditions.

Vaccine side effects and risks include soreness and redness from the shot. Headache, fever, nausea, and muscle aches. There is a possible association with Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) of 1-2 per million persons vaccinated. You can also get GBS following the flu itself even if you never had the flu shot.

Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) is a rare disorder where the body's immune system damages nerves. The damage to the nerves causes muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis. While its cause is not fully understood, the syndrome often follows infection with a virus or bacteria. Each year in the United States, an estimated 3,000 to 6,000 people develop GBS. Most people fully recover from GBS, but some have permanent nerve damage.

The CDC recommends everyone 6 months of age and older receive an annual flu vaccination with rare exceptions. Individuals who can't get the flu shot include children younger than 6 months and individuals with severe, life-threatening allergies to flu vaccine or any of the ingredients. The flu shot is safe enough for pregnant women and they should get the flu shot as well.

The effectiveness of the flu shot is 40-60% on any given year as to preventing you from getting the flu. This is because the CDC must decide ahead of time which flu viruses to include in the vaccine. This year's vaccine seems to be very effective.

James W. Akin, M.D. serves as the Surgeon for the Lafayette Chapter. He is board certified in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility as well as Obstetrics & Gynecology by the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology. He founded Bluegrass Fertility Center in 2003.



Vaccinations in the American Revolution

In the winter of 1777, 90 percent of Continental Army deaths were caused by disease, rather than battle. Of those diseases, smallpox was far and away the most deadly.

Americans were fearful of vaccinations. However, Europe was not so much. This meant the British soldiers were much less susceptible to the diseases.

On Feb. 5, 1777, against the orders of Congress, General Washington gave the order to vaccinate the Army against smallpox. Only months later, the disease was under control and the incidence of death from smallpox had dropped from around 1 in 12 to 1 in 10,000 soldiers.

Revolutionary Kentuckians

George Michael Bedinger was born on December 10, 1756 in Hanover, Pennsylvania, a small town in York County. Bedinger's parents had emigrated from Alsace, France.

At the age of six, George's family relocated to Virginia. George would spend his formative years there, attending local schools. In 1779, the family relocated once again, settling in Boonesborough only a year after it's founding by Daniel Boone.

During the American Revolution, George, in his early twenties, would participate in a variety of ways. He served as an adjutant in John Bowman's expedition against the Shawnee in Ohio. Later, he went back across the Appalachians and served at the Siege of Yorktown.

Following the American Revolution, he remained active in military life. During the Northwest Indian War, he was a major in Drake's Regiment in 1791, a major commanding the Winchester Battalion of Sharpshooters in the St. Clair expedition in 1791, and a major commanding the Third Sublegion of the United States Infantry from April 11, 1792, to February 28, 1793.

Turning his eye towards politics, George was elected to the inaugural Kentucky House of Representatives in 1792. He would return to the General Assembly as a member of the State Senate in 1800.

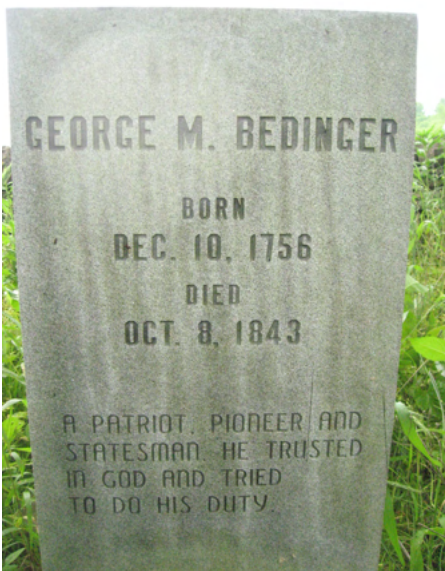
Following the 1800 Census, Kentucky was allocated an additional sixth seat in the United States House of Representatives. Running on the Democratic-Republican ticket, Bedinger was elected to represent the 6th District in the 8th and 9th Congresses, serving from 1803-1807.

Following his service in Congress, Bedinger returned to Kentucky where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was vocally against slavery and freed those he inherited, even offering to pay their passage to Liberia, where many freed slaves were relocating.

George Michael Bedinger passed away on December 7, 1843 at his residence in Blue Licks Springs, Kentucky. He was buried in the family cemetery on his farm. Today, the farm is part of the Blue Licks Battlefield State Park in Robertson County.



Portrait of George Michael Bedinger held in the collection of the Library of Congress.



Gravesite of Major George M. Bedinger, located in Blue Licks, Kentucky



Kentucky historical marker dedicated to the life and service of Major George M. Bedinger

Secretary of State Publishes Revolutionary Warrants

At the end of the American Revolution, our new nation was short on available cash. This was a problem when it came time to pay the patriot soldiers for their service. While cash was not in abundant supply, land was. So, following the example of the French & Indian War, veteran soldiers were offered land as payment.

Each state determined the acreage per rank, requisite duration of service and location of its respective military district. Virginia offered land in present day southern Kentucky and southcentral Ohio.

The Kentucky section was outlined as the area "bounded by the Green River and a southeast course from the head thereof to the Cumberland mountains, with the said mountains to the Carolina line, with the Carolina line to the Cherokee or Tennessee River, with the said river to the Ohio River, and with the Ohio to the said Green River."

The land grant records are under the purview of the Kentucky Secretary of State. Current Secretary of State, Michael Adams, has added a section to the office's website with a database of those land grants.

The Revolutionary War Warrants website contains information regarding military warrants issued to Virginia veterans prior to 1792 and all Kentucky patents authorized by those warrants. The database indexes 4,748 bounty land warrants issued by Virginia to veterans of the Revolutionary War.

Warrants can be searched by veteran's name, warrant number and immediate assignee. Scanned images from the military warrants register are included for each warrant number.

You can access this database by going to <https://web.sos.ky.gov/land/revwar.aspx>.



Secretary of State Michael G. Adams



Chapter Member News

On November 11th, Chapter Secretary Tommy Druen was elected to serve on the Governing Board of the Kentucky Historical Society. Elected by the membership during the Kentucky Historical Society's Annual Meeting, the KHS Governing Board is representative of all regions of the Commonwealth.

"The Kentucky Historical Society has long been the leading advocate for not only preservation, but promotion of our Commonwealth's rich and vibrant history," said Druen. "I am honored to be entrusted with this role and will do my part to further the aims of the Society."

In it's press release, the KHS stated: Mr. Druen is the Senior Policy Advisor for the Office of the Speaker in the Kentucky House of Representatives. He is also a deacon of Georgetown Baptist Church, a syndicated columnist for ten Kentucky newspapers, and edits a newsletter for the Lafayette Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. In his spare time, Druen is involved with the Georgetown Gentlemen Vintage Base Ball Club, of which he is the founder and team captain. Druen is originally from Metcalfe County and resides in Georgetown.



Druen, center, joins with other newly elected board members in taking the oath of office, as administered by Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd.

The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) is an agency in Kentucky's Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet.

Vietnam War Veterans Partner Program



In 2013, the Vietnam War Veterans Partner Program was established to honor living Vietnam War Veterans. The program runs through the 30th of April 2025, which is the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. The SAR is proud to be a nationwide partner organization.

At the 2022 Kentucky Society fall meeting, the compatriots above were honored for their service during the Vietnam War. They are, from L-R, Service to Veterans Chairman Jesse Moore, Mike Sullivan (Lafayette Chapter), Bob Silverthorn (Thruston Chapter), Emery Wilson (Lafayette Chapter) and Kentucky Society President Scott Giltner.



Tomahawk Raffle

Our friends at the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter in Jefferson County are sponsoring a raffle to help raise money for the chapter's youth education and award programs.

The prize is this beautiful, handmade English pattern polled tomahawk. The piece features a 6150 steel tomahawk head. It is hafted in curly maple with a poured pewter band, bone head and tail caps. It also includes a matching maple and antler stand.

Tickets are \$5 each. The drawing will take place on August 19, 2023 before the start of the 2023 Kentucky Society State Summer Meeting at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park. You do not need to be present to win.

If interested in purchasing tickets, please contact our Chapter President Patrick Wesolosky at 65Moots@gmail.com.



Wreaths Across America



In what has become a treasured annual occasion, members of the Lafayette Chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Camp Nelson National Cemetery on December 17th.

Begun in 2007, Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization that seeks to place wreaths on the graves of veterans at national cemeteries as a way to demonstrate our continued gratitude for their service.

Over 800 volunteers helped place wreaths on each of the 16,000 graves at Camp Nelson. Additionally, the ceremony included the playing of taps, a 21 gun salute and the placement of American flags.

As this event grows each year, the Lafayette Chapter is proud to have been an early sponsor and continue to be a part of the event.



L-R: President-Elect Steve Gahafer, Congressman Andy Barr, President Patrick Wesolosky and Vice-President Tim Wisner



Veteran graves adorned with wreaths for the Christmas season, demonstrating eternal gratitude of our nation



Compatriots Tim Brown and Joe Clancy prepare to lay wreaths of honor



President-Elect Steve Gahafer at the grave of his brother, Morris Gahafer

Patriot Wreath Placements

On December 22nd, members of the SAR and DAR braved the cold to honor patriots buried at the Lexington Cemetery and Bethel Presbyterian Church by placing wreaths on their gravesites. Those in attendance included Chapter President Patrick Wesolosky, Treasurer Skip Redmond, Registrar Mike Sullivan, Mike Flynn, John Buckler, Amelia Wisner and Anita Reddy.



SAR & DAR members preparing to place wreaths



Compatriot Mike Flynn honoring Colonel John Buck



Patrick Wesolosky honoring Thomas McClure



Skip Redmond placing a wreath at the grave of John Parker



Mike Sullivan showing appreciation to a deceased patriot



Amelia Wisner and Mike Sullivan at the grave of Lt. James Beatty



Jessamine County Patriot Wreaths

Chapter President Patrick Wesolosky visited the graves of four patriots in Jessamine County on December 22. He placed wreaths as tokens of our appreciation for their service.



Film



Confounding Father is a documentary that examines the 1787 Constitutional Convention and Luther Martin, Maryland attorney and delegate to the convention.

Martin opposed the new Constitution because he believed it did not preserve the rights of the individual states.

The film is a good historical look at issues that we still see rise in political debate even today.

Did you know?

General George Washington owned land in Kentucky. At least in theory.

Having read John Filson's *The Discovery, Settlement and Present State of Kentucke*, Washington came to believe there were potential iron ore deposits in southcentral Kentucky.

On December 9, 1788, slightly before he began his first term as President, Washington purchased 5,000 acres from Colonel Henry Lee in exchange for an Arabian stud horse named Magnolio. The land is in present-day Grayson County.

Much to Washington's dismay, a clear title was never produced. While he still held the deed at his death, there was repeated controversy over it during the 11 years he owned it.

Washington never set foot in Kentucky, and while title may have been unclear, we can honestly claim he intended to own a piece of Kentucky.

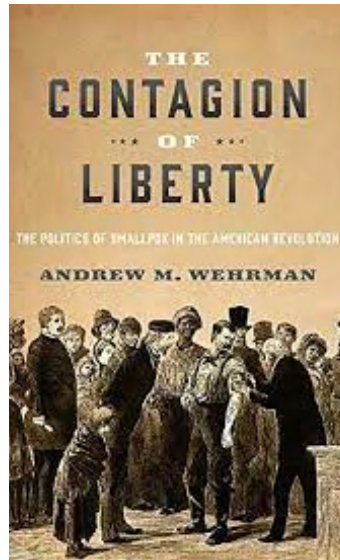


Recommended Reading

The American Revolution broke out during a smallpox epidemic, and in response, General George Washington ordered the inoculation of the Continental Army. In *The Contagion of Liberty*, Andrew M. Wehrman describes a revolution within a revolution, where the violent insistence for freedom from disease ultimately helped American colonists achieve independence from Great Britain.

This thought-provoking history offers a new dimension to our understanding of both the American Revolution and the origins of public health in the United States.

The Contagion of Liberty is available at Joseph-Beth, Barnes and Noble or online at amazon.com.



From the Archives

"Members and guests of the Lafayette Chapter of Lexington enjoyed a June luncheon at historic Chaumiere des Prairies (Cottage in the Meadows), the Jessamine County home of Mrs. Margaret W. Rash. The structure was built in the late 18th century by Col. David Meade, a prominent Virginia planter, as what some consider as the first 'lordly estate' in Kentucky. Guests included such notables as James Monroe, Andrew Jackson and Henry Clay."

- The SAR Magazine, Winter, 1991



Calendar of Events

January 14

Purple Heart Monument Dedication
2:00 PM
Grant County Courthouse
224 South Main Street
Williamstown, Kentucky

January 20

Camp Nelson Wreath Retirement
Time: 10:00 AM
Camp Nelson National Cemetery
6980 Danville Road
Nicholasville, Kentucky

January 21

Lafayette Board of Managers Retreat
9:00 AM
Sullivan University
2355 Harrodsburg Road
Lexington, Kentucky

January 28

Color Guard Training
9:00 AM
Lexington Police Department Gym
1795 Old Frankfort Pike
Lexington, Kentucky

March 3-4

Spring Leadership Meeting
Time: 8:00 AM
Brown Hotel
335 West Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky

March 11

State Board of Governors Meeting
1:00 PM
Spindletop Hall
3414 Ironworks Pike
Lexington, Kentucky

March 11

State Spring Meeting
Time: 2:30 PM
Spindletop Hall
3414 Ironworks Road
Lexington, Kentucky


April 15

Five Patriot Marking Services
Time: 3:00 PM EST / 2:00 PM CST
Western Kentucky National Cemetery
5817 Fort Campbell Boulevard
Hopkinsville, Kentucky



UPDATE!

If you have recently changed your mailing or email address, please be sure to let us know.



Plan for the future today!

This month is National Make-A-Will-Month, and we want to pass along a free online estate planning tool that you can share with your friends and family.

You can join the more than 500,000 individuals who have peace of mind about their futures by creating your will through [FreeWill](#).


We urge our fellow compatriots to join the Make-A-Will movement and to please consider including a gift to the SAR Foundation, which will ensure the long-term sustainability of our society. This includes the support of the SAR Educational Center and Museum, which will be a beacon of patriotism that will inspire a connection with the past, inform citizens in the present, and educate future generations about the founding of our nation.

[Learn More](#)

For questions regarding planned giving please contact The SAR Foundation
502-315-1777 or foundation@sar.org

“The moment I heard of America, I loved her; the moment I knew she was fighting for freedom, I burnt with a desire of bleeding for her; and the moment I shall be able to serve her at any time, or in any part of the world, will be the happiest one of my life.”

To President Laurens
Sept 23, 1778



Marquis de Lafayette