

Lafayette Chapter News

September 2020

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Lafayette Chapter

Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution

President's Point of View

Wow... What a year the country (and the world for that matter), is having! I hope that each of you are doing well and staying safe. As you are all well-aware, in addition to your own lives, the COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted or cancelled most of this year's schedule events of the Lafayette Chapter, as well as those of our sister SAR chapters, our state SAR society, and our national SAR society.



On March 9th, we conducted our "Celebration of Youth" dinner meeting, and celebrated our chapter's 60th Anniversary. However, we were forced to cancel our May and September meetings due to COVID. Despite all the restrictions, the Chapter has strived to meet its goals set earlier this year of increasing its public awareness, participating in patriotic service opportunities, gaining additional new members, and retaining and actively engaging our current members. Albeit a difficult year to date, our collective efforts are helping to show progress in all of these areas. Let's continue to make the balance of 2020 (our 60th year), as successful as we can.

In Liberty,

Timothy C. Brown, President
Lafayette Chapter, KY SAR

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Mike Sullivan

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Lafayette Chapter Leads Way in Youth Programs

The Sons of the American Revolution ("SAR") national organization has established numerous student programs whose objectives are to perpetuate the memory and contributions of patriotic and courageous women and men who helped win America's independence. At the high school level, these programs include the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, the Joseph S. Rumbaugh National Historical Oration Contest, and the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award.

In 2020, the Lafayette Chapter (Kentucky Society) was proud to sponsor the state winners in all three of the above categories - essay (Jane Hall, North Laurel High School), oration (Joseph South, Montgomery Co. High School), and the citizen soldier (Joseph South, Montgomery Co. High School).

Dale Henley

Lafayette Chapter President-Elect



Lafayette Chapter Honoring Graves of Revolutionary Soldiers



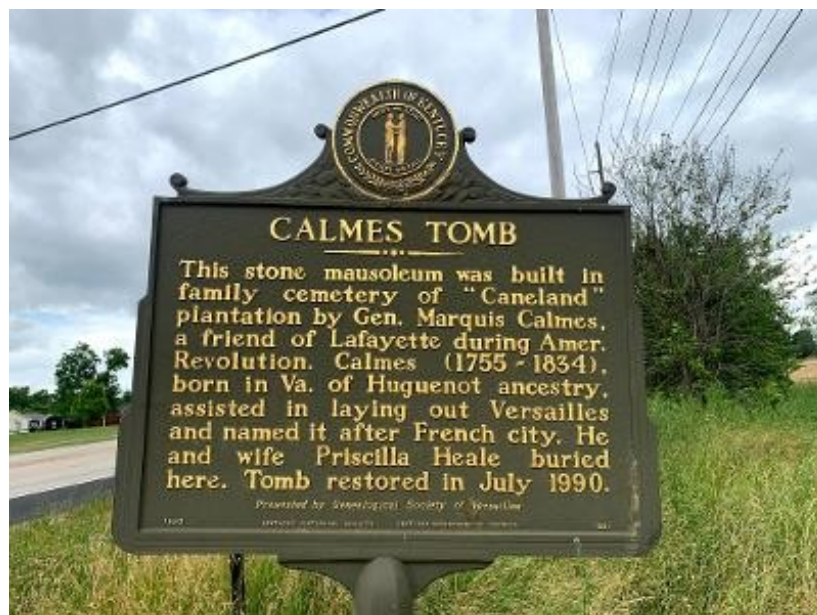
Compatriot Ted Kuster invited Lafayette Chapter members Mike Sullivan, John Buckler, Steve Gahafer, and Patrick Wesolosky to his farm to honor patriot Joseph Pugh.



Compatriot Kuster had the DAR markers place in concrete to prevent removal.

Graves of Revolutionary Soldiers

Compatriots Mike Sullivan, John Buckler, Steve Gahafer and Patrick Wesolosky visited Ashview Farm to see the tomb of Patriot Marquis Calmes 1755-1834.



Patriot Remembrance at Lexington Cemetery

On Friday, July 3rd, the Lafayette Chapter hosted members of the Lexington, Bryan Station, and Piankeshaw Chapters of the DAR, as well as the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter of the SAR for a Patriot Remembrance at the Lexington Cemetery. The group of more than 30 walked around the cemetery visiting 27 patriot graves.



Lafayette Chapter members in attendance were Tim Brown, Mike Sullivan, Emery Wilson, Dale Henley, Steve Gahafer, John Buckler, Nathan Glover (with his son), and Patrick Wesolosky.

The event was covered by WKYT news reporter Nick Oliver.

Patriot Grave Marking John Adams Quiggins 1754-1815

On July 5, 2020, Mike Sullivan, Steve Gahafer, and Patrick Wesolosky attended the Grave Marking Ceremony at Holy Cross Church in Loretto, Kentucky for Corporal John A. Quiggins. Patriot Quiggins was a veteran of both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.



Mike Sullivan lead the ceremony, and Steve Gahafer and Patrick Wesolosky carried flags for the Color Guard. Steve presented a wreath on behalf of the Lafayette Chapter. Patrick was a rifleman for the Musical Tribute and the Military Tribute. Mike was the Military Tribute Commander.



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Caring for Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Compatriot Nick Blevins spends much of his free time volunteering at Bethel Presbyterian Church. Among his many jobs at the church, Nick maintains the cemetery grounds. The church cemetery is the final resting place for four Revolutionary War Patriots. This picture shows Nick with a head stone he just finished repairing. Its not a patriot but it shows his passion.

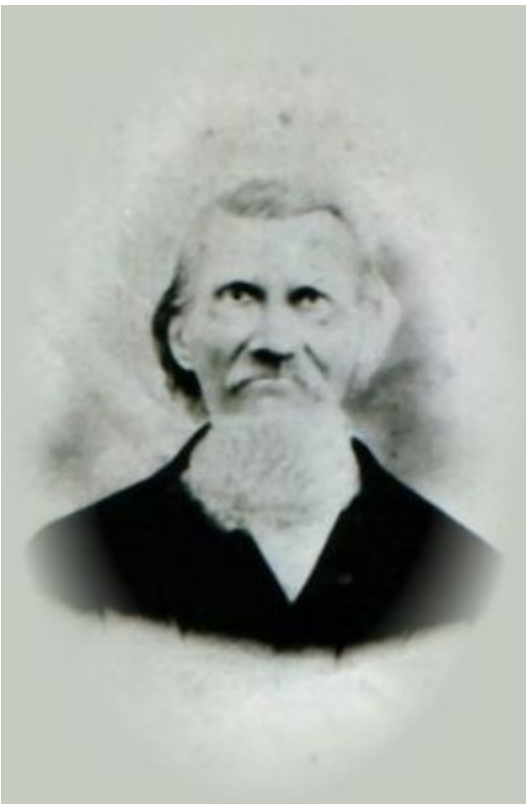


Patriot's Corner

The Patriots we honor, all have life stories. Maybe you would like to share the stories of your patriots? Did they serve in the militia or as continental soldiers? Where were they born? Where did they enlist? Where did they live after the war?

I would like to publish our Patriot stories every newsletter. The stories can be short or long. Please send information about your patriots to me. I'm asking for volunteers but will enact a draft if we don't get recruits! I'll begin with my Patriot.

Patriot William Jessie Cornett



William Jessie Cornett was born in Henrico County, Virginia in 1761. In 1779, Cornett enlisted in the Revolutionary War. He served six months in Captain Saunders's Company and Colonel Patterson's Virginia Regiment. Later, he served an additional six months under Captain Prosper and Colonel Marshall. Cornett never fought in any battles, but at the end of his second service he guarded provisions at Yorktown. He was awarded a Revolutionary War pension on August 12, 1833. He died in 1836, and is buried in Perry County, Kentucky.

Painting of William Cornett.



Original cabin built by William Cornett



Grave site of William Cornett and his wife Mary Everage.

Thanks to Patrick Wesolosky for all of the photos in this newsletter!