

HARRIS FERRY CHAPTER, S.A.R. NEWSLETTER

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There will be an S.A.R. Dinner Meeting, Saturday, September 24, 1977, at the Nationwide Inn, 525 South Front Street, Harrisburg.

6:30 - 7:00 Social Hour  
7:00 Dinner

This particular meeting is traditionally an observance of Constitution Week, and the timing is reflective of certain dates:

- September 17, 1787 - Draft ready for signatures
- September 28, 1787 - Congress transmitted to state legislatures
- September 25, 1789 - 1st Ten Amendments passed by Congress

We are pleased to have as our speaker upon this important occasion the Honorable George W. Gekas.

The cost of the dinner will be \$7.50. Reservations must be in the hands of the Treasurer, LTC Oscar H. Stroh, R.D. 4, Box 925, Harrisburg, PA 17112 by Monday, September 19, 1977. Make checks payable to

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We wish to welcome the following new members:

Michael John McKee, 21 N. Emerson Street, Mount Prospect, Ill. 60056  
James P. Murphy, 1908 High Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011 - Transferred  
from Pittsburgh Chapter.

We also wish to congratulate the following two members who have  
each added an approved Supplementary Line to their records:

Mr. Samuel C. Miller - whose ancestor was Private Henry Booser, Jr.  
LTC Oscar H. Stroh - whose ancestor was Lieutenant Peter Feaser

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COMING EVENTS: This year's Annual Meeting will be held on December  
3rd at THE EMBERS at 1700 Carlisle Pike. Keep this  
date open and plan to attend. Details will be sent to all  
members early in November.

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U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS: The Post Office has been publishing some very  
nice stamps commemorating personages, battles and  
other events of the American Revolution, therefore,  
I am trying to make it a policy to try to procure stamps  
of this type for all SAR mailings. On the envelope in  
which you received this newsletter I used a stamp  
commemorating General Lafayette - one of the out-  
standing heroes of the American Revolution

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This is your organization and we would like to see a larger turnout  
at the meetings. If the types of meetings we are having are not satisfactory  
to you, or you have suggestions for other (or better) meetings and/or other  
activities, please speak up at our next meeting, or mail a note to either our  
president or secretary.

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INTERESTING LOCAL HISTORY: One Sunday morning during the Summer  
of 1790 a wild buffalo was discovered  
among a herd of cows that were pastured in what was then known as  
"McClay's Swamp", which occupied pretty much all of the area laying west  
and north of capitol hill. The cows were frightened by the appearance of  
this strange animal and scampered towards Harrisburg. The buffalo  
frightened by the sudden stampede ran with the herd. The people were quite  
surprised to find the herd rushing into the village. Some of the men recog-  
nizing the buffalo, quickly procured guns and ran after the buffalo. After  
an exciting chase through the streets, the buffalo rushed in through an open  
door of a stable belonging to Mr. Harris, in River Alley. Here it was  
killed and the carcass divided among its captors.

When the white men came to this country there were two species of  
bison (commonly called buffalo) in this country, (1) the western buffalo and  
(2) the eastern or woods buffalo which is now extinct. The one killed in  
Harrisburg in 1790 was most likely the last remaining eastern buffalo in  
this part of the country.