

SAR Chapter Newsletter

Harris Ferry Chapter
HARRISBURG, PA

MAY 1993

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An Invitation... TO YOU AND YOUR LADY

THE MEMORIAL DAY DINNER

of

Harris Ferry Chapter of SAR
Sunday Evening, May 30, 1993

Wm Penn Room of the Holiday Inn / Grantville
at the Grantville Exit (No. 28) of I-81

(Following Dedication Ceremony at Nearby Cemetery*)

Reception at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00

(For Dinner Reservations, Please Use Form Provided Below)

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FOR FLAG DAY 1993

On Monday, June 14, the chapter's large 13-star American flag, will again be flown from the main mast atop the Pennsylvania State Capitol, in observance of the 216th anniversary of official adoption of *Old Glory* as our national ensign.

IN MEMORIAM

With sorrow we announce the recent passing of three chapter members:

Kenneth W. Caskey, 88, of Paxtang, on May 1, at Harrisburg. He was a past-president of this chapter (1973-74).

Hon. Robert L. Myers, 64, Camp Hill attorney and former State Senator, on February 5 at Hershey Medical Center.

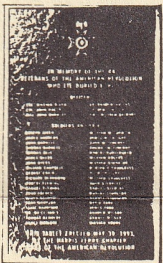
Robert W. Long, 74, retired teacher and world traveler, on November 17, at his home in Hershey

CHAPTER TO DEDICATE REVOLUTIONARY WAR TABLET AT 250-YEAR-OLD GRAVEYARD AT GRANTVILLE

Dedication of SAR Bronze Tablet

Sunday, May 30, at 4 PM

The Rev. Dr. Morton G. Glise, of Harrisburg, Pastor Emeritus of historic Paxton Presbyterian Church, at Paxtang, will officiate at the dedication of the American Revolution tablet being erected by Harris Ferry Chapter of SAR, at the Old Hanover Churchyard, near Grantville, in memory of 44 Revolutionary War veterans buried there.



The memorial tablet will be presented by Chapter President Robert T. Coleman, and will be accepted on behalf of the cemetery by LTC George E. Reed, a past-president of the chapter who has served as a trustee of the historic site since 1966. The ceremony will be attended by a color guard from American Legion Post 272.

The cemetery is located on Ridge Road, next to the entrance to Holiday Inn, and there being no seating available at the site, it is suggested that some may wish to bring folding chairs for their own use.

SAR Dinner at The Holiday Inn

Sunday Evening at 6:00

"The History of Old Hanover Churchyard" and the pioneer Presbyterian church that once stood there, will be the topic of LTC George E. Reed, in addressing the Memorial Day Dinner of Harris Ferry Chapter, on Sunday evening, May 30, at 6 o'clock, in the Wm. Penn Room of the Grantville Holiday Inn.

The dinner follows the afternoon dedication ceremony, scheduled for 4 PM, at the historic churchyard nearby. Like the outdoor event, the dinner program is also open to the general public, but for the dinner, advance reservation is required. (Use form below, or call 717 / 545-7465).

Organized in 1736, The Hanover Church congregation had as its first building a log structure, replaced in 1788 by a stone building which stood on the site for less than 100 years until torn down in 1870, after most of the members had died or moved away.

An historic event associated with this congregation was the drafting of the *Hanover Resolves*, adopted June 4, 1774.

RESERVATION MEMORIAL DAY DINNER —Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR Sunday Evening, May 30, at The Holiday Inn / Grantville

TO: Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR 717 / 545-7465
3513 Hillcrest Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109-2034

Herewith is check in amount of \$ _____ for _____ Dinner Reservations at \$15.00 per serving, for the May 30 Dinner Meeting at The Holiday Inn, at Grantville, PA 17028

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

GUESTS _____

(Check should be made payable to *Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR*)

To The SAR Magazine
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HARRIS FERRY CHAPTER DEDICATES REVOLUTIONARY WAR TABLET AT CEMETERY

LTC George E. Reed, of Harrisburg, PA, a past president of Harris Ferry Chapter, is shown here with the bronze tablet the chapter erected on May 30 at the Old Hanover Presbyterian Churchyard, east of Harrisburg, in honor of some 44 Revolutionary War veterans who are buried there.

Reed, who has served for 27 years as a court-appointed trustee of the 250-year-old graveyard, said that the graveyard is all that remains today of a once-flourishing Presbyterian community. The church building, he said, was torn down more than a century ago, having fallen into ruins after most of its members had died or moved away.

An historic event associated with this Hanover Township religious community, he said was their adoption "The Hanover Resolves," a local *Declaration of Independence*, publicly proclaimed by private citizens here on June 4, 1774 – 25 months prior to national declaration in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776 – and a whole year earlier than the famous Mecklenburg County declaration of 1775.

November election. *THE SUN 5-12-93*

SAR Chapter Dedicates Tablet At Churchyard

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The Harris Ferry Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution has announced plans to erect a bronze tablet at the entrance of the Old Hanover Presbyterian Churchyard in East Hanover Township near the Grantville Exit of I-81, to honor the 44 Revolutionary War veterans who lie buried there. The marker will be dedicated in Memorial Day services at the cemetery on Sunday afternoon, May 30, at 4 p.m.

The announcement was made by LTC George E. Reed, of Harrisburg, secretary and a past-president of the SAR chapter, who for the past 27 years has served as one

of the three court appointed trustees of the historic graveyard, which dates back to 1736. The ancient Presbyterian church which once stood there had fallen into ruins after most of its members had died or moved away. The building was eventually torn down in the late 1870s.

Following the Memorial Day dedication services at the cemetery, the SAR Chapter will hold its quarterly dinner meeting nearby, at the Grantville Holiday Inn, with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. "The History of the Old Hanover Church" will be the topic of an address by

Colonel Reed.
The church established at this site in 1736, with the Rev. Richard Sankey installed as its first pastor, was severely harassed by Indian attacks during the mid-1700s, and many of its congregation moved to other localities. An historic event associated with this church was the adoption of "The Hanover Resolves," signed in 1774 as a local Declaration of Independence, which preceded the national Declaration, at Philadelphia, by 25 months.

The SAR tablet will list the following as veterans of the American Revolution buried in the Old Hanover Churchyard: Col. William Allen, Col. John Rogers, Maj. John Barnett, Lt. Andrew Rogers, Lt. James Rogers, Ens. William Stewart and Priates Joseph Allen, James Andrews, John Barnett, Thomas Barnett, Thomas Bell, James Byers, John Byers, William Campbell, George Crain, Richard Dearmond, Robert Fleming, Samuel Fleming, John French.

James Granam, John Hampton, Isaac Harrison, Dr. Brice Innis, Thomas Kennedy, James McClure,

William McCormick, James McCreight, John McElhenny, Thomas McElhenny, Robert Porterfield, William Rogers, William Simon-ton, Benjamin Snodgrass, John Snodgrass, William Snodgrass, John Sterrett, Samuel Stewart, Robert Sturgeon, Samuel Sturgeon, David Todd, James Todd, Andrew Wilson, Samuel Wilson and William Young.