



The Iowa Compatriot

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We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifice established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and solemnly pledge to defend them against every foe.

Urbandale 4th of July Parade

By Mike Rowley

The Iowa SAR Color Guard again led the Urbandale 4th of July Parade in 2021. Historian Tom Clegg engaged and educated the masses lining the streets about the evils of taxation without representation and the proper cheer of huzzah (not hurrah). He fired off 24 shots for liberty with his period musket. Doug Frazer did yeoman's work in carrying the tallest and heaviest flagpole the entire route. Dave Nation won the long-distance award for traveling from Cedar Falls to Urbandale to participate. David Rowley was recruiter of the day for bringing along Michael Donahue and Tom Ochylski as first-time participants.



Left to right: Historian Tom Clegg, Iowa Society War of 1812 member David Rowley, past IASSAR president Doug Frazer, Tom Ochylski, Dave Nation, Michael Donahue, and IASSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Rowley

250th Anniversary Events



The National American 250th SAR Committee promotes the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and the establishment of the United States. One way that SAR state societies can support this mission is by locally commemorating the 250th anniversaries of events leading up to the American Revolution. July 18-19, 2021 is the 250th anniversary of the Breakenridge Farm Standoff and the emergence of the Green Mountain Boys into Vermont history. We are grateful to Rebecca Hougher for contributing an article about her genealogical experiences discovering a Patriot ancestor for her husband, new IASSAR member Bob Hougher, as well as discovering her own Green Mountain Boys ancestry.

Tracing our Heritage

By Rebecca Hougher



At first glance, my husband and I don't have many family similarities. Bob was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and I'm a damn Yankee and a 7th generation Vermonter. Bob knew little of his family since his mother was adopted out of a maternity hospital in Kansas City in 1931. She was raised by a loving family, but there were no birth records and no history until this past decade, but that's another story!

Bob's father's line is Norwegian. His great-great-grandfather, Ole Pedersen Hauge, was born in 1842. He immigrated to America in 1864, married a Civil War widow who was originally from Sweden, and is buried on a bluff of the Mississippi in Red Wing, Minnesota. His family didn't know much other than his father's maternal grandfather was George Richmond Almy, born in 1863 at Slatersville, Rhode Island. George married Daisy Miller in Syracuse, New York. Daisy was raised by her grandmother, presumably because her parents had died. Her social security application was the only hint, along with one appearance in the 1880 census. Her father was Mott Miller and her mother was Lilia Wimmert, daughter of

an Erie Canal digger from Quebec. That was a fun line to trace back to immigrant Jean Ouimet, born in 1634 in France and died in 1687 at Sainte-Famille, Quebec. The best part is that Bob a distant cousin to Francis Ouimet, the "father of amateur golf" and subject of the wonderful movie, *The Greatest Game Ever Played*.

Back to the the Almys, who thankfully are well-documented. There are several Patriots from this line, including Samuel Hill (1740-1833), under whom Bob just joined the IASSAR. The new membership process was made incredibly smooth by State Registrar Stephen Stewart. Other notable ancestors include John Howland of the Mayflower, Katherine Marbury Scott, and her sister Anne Marbury Hutchinson (both famous spiritual Quaker advocates). Anne was tried for heresy. She preached against the Puritan Church, advocating for Divine Grace. To make matters worse, she was an early feminist, urging women to rebel and assert their rights. She was excommunicated, banished, and eventually killed in an Indian massacre. Only one daughter, Bob's 9th great-grandmother, Bridget, survived. She was the mother of Rhode Island Governor Peleg Sanford.

Unlike Bob, my family preserved records. My grandmother was a founding member of the Vermont Society of the Colonial Dames of America. She also proved her Mayflower lineage, so that was easy for me. My interest didn't catch fire until after my mother's death in 1998. She had charged me with connecting to Col Seth Warner of the Green Mountain Boys, which I was able to do, proving Seth's son Israel Warner as a new DAR Patriot. I have many Green Mountain Boys in my lineage, which makes sense because my family has lived near the New York border since Pre-Revolutionary times and were deeply involved in the controversy with New York and their claims against the New Hampshire Grants. Their story inspired me to form the Descendants of the Green Mountain Boys hereditary society. Accepted lineage includes the early Bennington agitators, aka the "Bennington Mob," who fought a successful 10-year land war with New York, formed the Republic of Vermont in 1777, and served until the disbandment of Warner's Regiment in 1781. The Green Mountain Boys had become such a skilled militia that they were conscripted into the Extra Continental Army

and were instrumental in eventually repelling Burgoyne's northern invading army, defeating them at Bennington and Saratoga.

I'm grateful that Bob, a retired Marine Sergeant, has a deep love of history and appreciates the story of the Green Mountain Boys. This July marks the 250th Anniversary of the Breakenridge Farm Standoff. A planned celebration will be part of the greater 250th Anniversary of the founding of Vermont in 2027. The farm standoff, where James Breakenridge's neighbors stared down the New York sheriff, has been called the "Birthplace of Vermont." Hurrah for those principled settlers, who valued life, liberty, and property, and established the brave little Republic of Vermont.

A Father's Day Gift

By Randy Breese

For many years, I have been interested in gaining a deeper understanding of my family history. More than just names and birth/death dates, I wanted to know as much as possible so that I could tell their stories and ensure they are remembered. Just before the start of the pandemic, I began my genealogical journey. This was a blessing, as I suddenly found myself with a lot of time at home. Throughout my research, I shared with my 82-year-old father what I uncovered and the stories I pieced together. He is always interested in hearing what I have learned and seeing the artifacts that I have collected. He is learning his family history too.

When I discovered that my paternal 4th great-grandfather, Private Timothy Brees, enlisted in the 1st New Jersey Regiment and fought during the American Revolution, I had a sense of pride in knowing the role that my family played in our country's history. Becoming a member of the Sons of the American Revolution was, for me, a way to validate my lineage as well as honor my ancestor and his contributions. It was important to me that my father share in that as well. With an approved DAR application, the amount of generational documentation I had to produce was greatly reduced and, as I had just spent a year doing research, I had all the documents I would eventually need. Once my application was approved in February, I submitted an application for my father. Since he is in my direct line, there was no additional documentation needed. As luck would have it, he was approved in early June and I received his certificate just in time to present it to him on Father's Day!



Marvin Breese receives his Iowa SAR new membership certificate on Father's Day. Private Timothy Brees is one of only 41 Revolutionary War veterans buried in Iowa.

Honoring Margaret Ann Morrison (1942 – 2021)

By Mike Rowley

Members of the Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution wore several hats to honor Margaret Ann Morrison of Redfield, who passed away in February of 2021. Morrison was an active citizen of Redfield, Iowa. Her efforts saved the historic GAR Hall, and she generously donated it to the Dallas County Conservation Board for preservation.



Plaque dedicated to Margaret Ann Morrison at GAR Hall in Redfield, Iowa

Iowa members Tom Gaard, Rod Gaard, Ron Rittel, and Dan Rittel represented the IASSAR, SUVCW, and Iowa GSW 1812 at the ceremony on June 27, 2021 in Redfield, Iowa.



Left to right: Dan Rittel, Robin Johnston, Mike Carr (back), Dennis Sasse (front), Ron Rittel (back), William McAlpine (front), Tom Gaard (back), John Weeber (front), Rod Gaard (back), John Butcher (front), Mike Rowley (back), Mike Friedel (back), Charles Boeck (front). Photo by Marilyn Rittel.

America 250 DAR Marker Dedication in Knoxville, Iowa

By Marla Suter, Iowa DAR State Regent

In preparation for America's 250th anniversary to be celebrated in 2026, the NSDAR has started an initiative to have America 250 markers placed throughout our nation to commemorate the American Patriots who fought to obtain our independence. The marker has so far been placed in 13 states. Iowa has now become the 14th state to receive approval to place one of these markers.

The Henry Knox Chapter in Knoxville, Iowa, named after General Henry Knox, plans to dedicate a marker on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 1 PM. This date is significant to my home chapter, as July 25th is General Henry Knox's birth date. The installation of this monument will be on the Courthouse square in Knoxville, between the cannon and veteran's memorial. The marker is quite large; a 30" x 30" cap and post mounted bronze plaque.

The SAR Color Guard provided a moving accompaniment to the Nathan Brown Monument dedication in June. The Iowa Society DAR and the Henry Knox Chapter invites the IASSAR Color Guard to also participate in this Patriot Marker dedication ceremony.

PATRIOT MARKER DEDICATION

Revolutionary War Patriots
This marker commemorates the men and women who achieved American independence. These Patriots, believing in the noble cause of liberty, fought valiantly to found a new nation.
1775 - 1783
Presented by
Henry Knox Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution
in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Henry Knox Chapter invites you...

America 250! Patriot Marker Dedication Ceremony
Sunday, July 25, 2021 --- 1:00pm
Marion County Courthouse Square
213 E. Main Street, Knoxville, IA

Bring lawn chair and umbrella; no rain date --- Refreshments to follow ceremony

Invitation to the America 250 Patriot marker dedication in Knoxville, Iowa on July 25, 2021

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