



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.

America 250! Patriot Marker Dedication in Johnston, Iowa

By Mike Rowley

Iowa SAR members Tom Gaard, Ron Rittel, Randy Lyon and Mike Rowley were joined by Nebraska SAR member Mark Byars, Historian Tom Clegg, a 60-piece band, many ladies of the Iowa DAR, and over 100 visitors to place the 2nd Iowa DAR American 250! Patriot Marker. The marker was dedicated on July 15th, 2023, at the Iowa Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa.



Color Guard members, ISDAR State Regent Edee Brunia, and DAR members dedicate an America 250! Patriot Marker at the Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa

Iowa and Nebraska SAR Color Guard members had the honor of posting the Colors, retiring the Colors, and ringing the bell in recognition of each of the 43 known Revolutionary War Patriots who chose Iowa as their final home and are interred in our state.



Color Guard members Mike Rowley, Randy Lyon, Tom Clegg, and Mark Byars post the Colors



Randy Lyon, Tom Clegg, and Mark Byars ring the bell for each of the 43 Revolutionary War patriots buried in Iowa

Flag Certificates Presentations

By Larry Hoelscher



As I thought about what to say as I went to the doors of the houses of flag certificate recipients, I came up with a handout to give to the person who came to the door. Here is my introduction:

My name is Larry Hoelscher, I live in Dubuque, and I am a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. I have a relative that actually fought in the Revolutionary War for the Connecticut Regiment. Being an SAR member involves you in your local and national community with telling the story of the Founding Fathers and the creation of the United States of America.



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism.

We will work to carry out the promises expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution.

We will work tirelessly to inspire the community with the principles on which our Nation was founded.

Many chapters and state-level societies have color guards that wear Revolutionary War uniforms and participate in civic and patriotic events and observances such as the Fourth of July, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Patriots Day, Bill of Rights Day, Yorktown Day, and Constitution Day. This organization strives to honor, respect, and support the sacrifices of our veterans.



I am here today to recognize YOU for flying the American Flag at your residence. Enjoy your certificate of honor!

The morning after delivering a certificate to the Makovec's, Daine Makovec showed up at my door asking for a copy of the picture that I took of her and her husband under the flag. She said that she had looked me up on the internet to get a copy of the picture so that they could show off my uniform and their flag. She got me thinking that I should ask for an email address and send the pictures out when I post-process them.



One lady thanked me for the certificate and when I asked for a picture, she responded that she had her jammies on and did not want anybody to see her jammies. I said that I understood and that she should display her certificate of honor for all to see when others come visit.

I found most my recipients at home. Only one certificate had to be left on a door handle.

Family History update

By Randy Lyon

I thought you might like an update on the family history project at the Dubuque Veterans' Clinic. I do these in addition to helping out in any manner I can "at work." As I have mentioned previously, the project originated between the SAR and Ancestry.com and was not intended to sell memberships.

The following family trees have been completed and dropped off at the veteran's home or mailed to them:

Veteran Name	Time Spent Researching	Patriot Ancestors Found
Raymond C.	4 hours	
Carrie M.	4 hours	
John M.	4 hours	
Gary C.	2 hours	
Kevin M.	5 hours	
James G.	4 hours	
Scott P.	4 hours	2 American Revolution
Michael S.	4 hours	1 Civil War
Bob. H.	3 hours	2 American Revolution
Michael S.	3 hours	

L. Sievers	5 hours	2 American Revolution 1 Civil War
Robert C.	6 hours	
John P.	4 hours	
Anthony H.	6 hours	1 American Revolution 1 Mayflower
Lyle B.	3 hours	
Paul D.	2 hours	
Michael B.	4 hours	1 American Revolution
Kevin B.	4 hours	1 American Revolution
Robert B.	4 hours	1 American Revolution
Dennis G.	4 hours	1 American Revolution
Lawrence S.	3 hours	
Dale H.	3 hours	1 Civil War
Wayne S.	3 hours	1 Civil War
Eugene A.	3 hours	2 American Revolution
Leon M.	5 hours	4 American Revolution 1 Civil War
Philip H.	5 hours	2 American Revolution 1 Civil War
Jimmie W.	6 hours	2 American Revolution 1 War of 1812 1 French and Indian War
Neil S.	6 hours	2 American Revolution 1 Civil War
Dewey D.	5 hours	3 American Revolution 1 Civil War
John D.	6 hours	4 American Revolution 2 War of 1812 2 Civil War
David B.	3 hours	1 American Revolution 2 Civil War
James R.	3 hours	
Celestino G.	3 hours	
John D.	5 hours	4 American Revolution 2 War of 1812 2 Civil War
Daniel K.	5 hours	3 American Revolution 1 Civil War

My desk is occasionally provided with enough garden produce to equip several hats for Carmen Miranda (for those of you too young to understand, Google it), but the work goes on.

I am really rather shy these days about looking for more work. If approached, I will take down the needed information, but I have enough names to easily take me through many weeks to come. All I ask for is the person's name, address, email address for contact later, and the name of their father and mother. I assure them that once the information is duplicated on a flash drive, it comes off my computer.

I do keep a record in a stenographer's notebook of patriot ancestors. If the veteran should want to pursue memberships, I can reinstall their information on my computer with their flash drive.

I have included the number of hours spent on each history. The number of entries range in the low 400s up to about over 750. At that point, I begin to worry that I'm skipping work on others. The lesser number of hours reflect a lack of information on Ancestry.com and other sources. I thought you might also be interested in the findings of patriot ancestors.

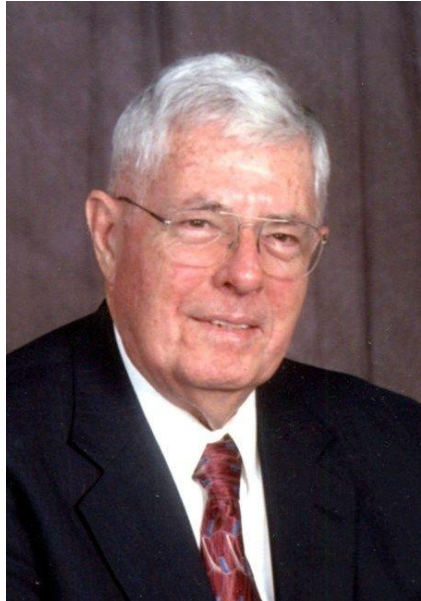
I have been a bit surprised by the lack of interest in pursuing memberships. I enclose a sheet mentioning that I would be glad to help them with the necessary application research, but so far I have had one each for the War of 1812, the Civil War, and the American Revolution. It continues to be a joy to me, as each day is a treasure hunt not knowing what I might find.

Iowa Compatriot Grave Marking on September 10th, 2023

By Chris Moberg

The Iowa SAR plans to mark the graves of nine Iowa SAR past presidents in Des Moines/West Des Moines from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 10th, 2023. We will begin at Resthaven Cemetery (801 19th Street, West Des Moines), and then proceed to Glendale Cemetery (4909 University Ave, Des Moines), Masonic Cemetery (1550 48th Street, Des Moines), and end at Woodland Cemetery (2019 Woodland Ave, Des Moines). Everyone is invited to attend!

Here are short biographies of the men whom we plan to honor:



Volney Hammers Smith was born on June 11th, 1928, in Ames, Iowa. His parents divorced when he was at a young age and he grew up on his grandfather's farm in Malvern, Iowa. He was valedictorian of the Malvern High School Class of 1945 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering in 1949 from Iowa State College.

In 1950, Volney Smith enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he served until his retirement from the Air Force Reserve in 1973. He attained the rank of Major and was the recipient of the Air Force Commendation medal. Following his tour of active duty, Volney Smith began his extensive career with the Soil Conservation Service, where he retired in 1988 as the Assistant State Conservation Engineer.

Volney Smith married Margaret Wilma Young in Des Moines on April 3rd, 1954, and they had three children.

Volney Hammers Smith joined the Iowa SAR on June 4th, 1970, and served as 60th president from 1972 to 1976. He died on November 16th, 2020, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, Iowa, after contracting COVID 19. He was 92 years old.

William Henry Baily was born on April 5th, 1850, in Mallory Township near Colesburg, Iowa. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1873 and the University of Iowa in 1875. In September of 1878, he married Alice Crawford of Baraboo, Wisconsin. They became acquainted while in school at the University of Wisconsin.

William Baily practiced law for a year in Independence, Iowa, spent 10 years practicing law in Spirit Lake, Iowa, and then came to Des Moines in 1888. He was best known as a defender of Des Moines and other Iowa cities in litigation against public service corporations. He represented Des Moines in its most important cases against the water, gas, and street railway companies.

William Henry Baily joined the Iowa SAR on March 24th, 1898. He served as the eighth president of the Iowa SAR from 1901 to 1902. He died in Des Moines on May 10th, 1910, at the age of 60.

Henry Brown Hawley was born on Jan 30th, 1856, in Gainesville, New York. In 1879 he married a woman named Carrie who was also from New York. At some point they moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where Henry Hawley worked his way up the ranks to become the president of the Great Western Insurance Company. He joined the Iowa SAR on April 9th, 1898, and served as the Iowa SAR's 11th president from 1904 to 1905.

Henry Brown Hawley died on February 4th, 1928, in St. Petersburg, Florida, at the age of 72. His body was returned to Iowa, and he was buried in Glendale Cemetery. Before his death, he established the Hawley Welfare foundation. In his will, he donated his stock in the Great Western Insurance Company for the construction of the Hawley Welfare building in Des Moines, which was to be the home for the Hawley Welfare foundation.



Frederick W. Craig was born on June 29th, 1854, in Farmington, Maine. In September 1876, he came to Iowa and was employed for one year as principal of the Smithland schools in Woodbury County. He came to Des Moines in 1878, studied law, and became the law partner of the late Judge S. F. Balliet. In addition to the practice of law, he became an officer of the old Iowa Central Building and Loan association. He later became a director of the Capital City Bank.

He was married to Miss Abigail Diantha Corliss on September 30th, 1880, at Bath, Maine, and had five children. In 1883, he became a Mason and over the years attained many of the highest offices. He joined the Iowa SAR in December of 1908 and served as the 22nd president from 1915 to 1916.

Frederick W. Craig died at Iowa Methodist hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, on April 24th, 1937, at the age of 82.

Dr. Joseph Albert Goodrich was born on March 28th, 1872, in Neponset, Illinois. He grew up on a farm near Ira, Iowa, and came to Des Moines in 1903. He was a graduate from Northwestern Medical School and interned at a Chicago hospital. He practiced medicine for 40 years in Des Moines before retiring on April 30th, 1946.

Dr. Goodrich became an Iowa SAR member on July 3rd, 1913, and served as 43rd president from 1940 to 1942. He served as Vice President General of the North Mississippi District (predecessor of the North Central District) from 1946 to 1948. He died at a nursing home on October 13th, 1958, at the age of 86.



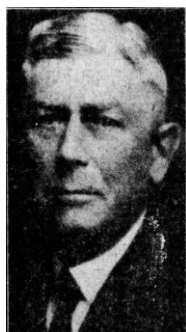
William Henry Wheeler was born October 8th, 1848, in South Woodbury, Vermont. He married Ella Rocelia Perrin on April 12th, 1871, in Williamstown, Vermont. They had six children. William farmed earlier in his life at Woodbury, Vermont, but then sometime shortly after 1880 he and his family moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where William became the Superintendent of Agencies for the National Life and Trust Companies up until his death.

William Henry Wheeler was admitted to the Iowa SAR on March 7th, 1894. He served as the fourth president of the Iowa SAR from April 1897 to April 1898.

He traveled some for his work, and was in Vermont when he died on August 2nd, 1904, at the age of 55. His body was returned to his family's home in Des Moines.

Joseph Greely Gardner was born on March 11th, 1860, in Merrimack County, New Hampshire. He married Matilda Given on September 27th, 1899, in Boone, Iowa. He became a prominent lawyer and insurance man.

He joined the Iowa SAR on March 25th, 1901, and served as the 20th president from 1913 to 1914. Joseph Greely Gardner died on May 16th, 1920, in Kirksville, Missouri. His body was returned to Iowa and he was buried in Woodland Cemetery.



Walter Emery Coffin was born on January 9th, 1856, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He came to Iowa with his family in 1875. After living in Iowa for a year, they returned to Pennsylvania but came back to Des Moines in 1880, where he lived until his death.

His father, Harrison Coffin, served as president of the Iowa Loan and Trust company, while Walter Coffin acted as assistant treasurer. At the death of his father, Walter Coffin became treasurer and later president. Around 1917, he sold his interests in the firm and retired.

Walter Emery Coffin joined the Iowa SAR on April 12th, 1916, and served as the 28th president from 1921 to 1922. He died on February 12th, 1927, at the Methodist hospital in Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 71.



Sidney Austin Foster was born on May 17th, 1849, on a farm near Friendship, New York. He came to Iowa in 1877. He was the editor for the Osage News and later served as a clerk in the Iowa Legislature. In 1886, he founded the Royal Union Life Insurance Company and for many years served as secretary and manager. In 1901, he founded the Waveland golf course, the first municipal golf course in the country. He retired from business in 1924.

Sidney Foster became a member of the Iowa SAR on February 27th, 1922, and served as the 32nd president from 1925 to 1926. He died on February 1st, 1936, at the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines at the age of 86.

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