



# Capitol Area Patriot Newsletter Springfield IL SAR Chapter

**ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER Established February 22, 1897** **December 2015**

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## Upcoming Events

**December 12, 2015** Wreaths Across America wreath laying event at 11 a.m. at Oak Ridge Cemetery War Memorials and Camp Butler National Cemetery.

**December 19, 2015** Chapter Holiday Dinner, 6:00 p.m., at Panther Creek Country Club, Springfield.

**February 12 and 13, 2016** ILSSAR BOM Meeting, Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel, \$129.00 plus tax includes free self-parking and breakfast for two. Hotel is located at 201 Broadway Ave., Normal, IL. Call 888-236-2427 or 309-862-9000 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

**February 27, 2016** Outstanding Citizenship Award's Luncheon, 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Chatham.

## Deadline January 15, 2016

Please notify **Toby Chamberlain**, email [saichamb@comcast.net](mailto:saichamb@comcast.net) or call 217-483-6267 (home), 217-299-1966 (cell) of any Springfield Chapter news and events you would like included in the February 2016 Springfield chapter newsletter letter not later than January 15, 2016.

## December Activities.

Two December activities to participate in are Wreaths Across America and the Chapter Holiday Dinner



On December 12<sup>th</sup> Wreaths Across America wreath laying activities will take place at 11:00 a.m. at both Oak Ridge Cemetery and Camp Butler National Cemetery.

On December 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m., the chapter Holiday Dinner will be held at Panther Creek Country Club. Contact Compatriot Drew Robinson 217-876-0628 for information.

## Photo Essay

### National Society Fall Leadership Meeting



Illinois Society members at the National Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. LtoR are Tom Ashby, Linda Ashby, Dick Chamblin, John Dyrud, Toby Chamberlain and Sue Chamberlain.



LtoR Springfield Chapter members Dick Chamblin and Toby Chamberlain at the Saturday night formal dinner

### Great Lakes District Meeting



Great Lakes District Vice President General and Springfield Chapter President Dick Chamblin called the 2015 Great Lake District Meeting to order.



LtoR Springfield Chapter members Drew Robinson, Dick Chamblin and Toby Chamberlain at the Great Lakes District Meeting.

### Veterans Day



LtoR Compatriots Dick Chamblin and Dan Hrenko presented the Colors on Veterans Day at Richland Community College in Decatur.

### Henry Southard

*Springfield Chapter Compatriot Dan Hrenko submitted the following information about his Patriot Henry Southard.*

All that I know about Henry's birth is that he was born in 1752 in Fishkill, NY. Fishkill is to the north of West Point and just south of Poughkeepsie.

Henry served 14 days in April 1779 in Colonel Abraham Brinckerhoff's Regiment of the New York Militia. He served as a Private guarding stores in Fishkill. He was paid for his 14 days of service based on a rate of 8 and 2/3 dollars per month.

Later in the same year, he enlisted for another eight month stint serving in Colonel Webissenfel's regiment under the command of Captain H. Dodge.

In 1782 Henry enlisted in the New York Militia for the third and final time and served

his nine month enlistment under the command of Lieutenant Johnson and Colonel Courtland. He completed this enlistment as a Private.

Henry married Ruth Goaline in September 1782 and died in September 1842 at the age of 90.

In March 1842 Ruth was awarded a widow's pension for Henry's service in the Revolutionary War. Ruth was given \$46.00 and 44 cents per annum. This information was recorded in Record Book A, Volume 1, Page 262 – located in Albany, NY.

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*Editors comment:*

I am looking for someone to provide information about their Patriot that will be included in the next chapter newsletter. If you are interested in doing this, contact Toby Chamberlain at saichamb@comcast.net or call 217-483-6267.

## **The Royalton Raid**

On October 16, 1780, the Royalton Raid is one of the last Indian attacks in New England during the American Revolution. The Royalton Raid was an attack by 270 Mohawk and Abenaki Indians led by British officers on several small villages in what is now central Vermont. This is the region that produced the Green Mountain Boys and patriot leaders such as Ethan Allen and Seth Warner.

In the fall of 1780, a campaign launched from British Quebec conducted simultaneous raids along Vermont's White River, the Mohawk River valley in New York and on the shores of Lake Champlain and Lake George. The White River attack was led by Lieutenant Richard Houghton and six other British soldiers. The campaign was intended to terrorize the inhabitants of New York, Vermont and New Hampshire to prevent them from organizing and launching any further raids against Canada.

On the morning of October 16, the large force of Indians attacked the small town of Royalton,

which was then a village of about 25 homes on both sides of the river. The Indians went from house to house capturing as many residents as they could and killing anyone who resisted. Most of the town's residents were captured, while a few escaped or hid. As the Indians left town, they burned the buildings and destroyed any crops and livestock they found. The attack continued up and down the river for several miles, with the settlements of Sharon and Tunbridge suffering the same fate.

That night, a large party of 300 militia located the Indians, having gathered after survivors got away and warned nearby towns. The militia began attacking, but was warned that all the captives would be killed if the attack did not stop. The attackers reluctantly pulled back to spare the captives and let the raiders go.

One hero to rise out of the Royalton Raid was Hannah Hendee. Hendee escaped capture, but her young son and other children were taken captive by the raiding party. She was outraged that British officers would capture children and use them as pawns in war. She crossed the river and followed the raiding party until she found them. She accosted Lt. Houghton for taking children and demanded that they be returned. Houghton complied and returned Hendee's son, as well as several other children.

Four settlers were killed in the Royalton Raid and 26 were taken captive. They were marched to Canada and sold to the British where some spent as long as two years in dismal prisons. Just as the Revolution came to an end, one of the captives taken in the raid, Zadock Steele, helped stage a prison break from the notorious Prison Island in the St. Lawrence River. Steele traipsed across the wilderness for three weeks, nearly starved, before he came to an American settlement. Unbeknownst to him, the war had already ended and all the remaining prisoners had been released.

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