

# Sons of the American Revolution



Ewings Chapter

(Athens, Gallia, Meigs, Vinton Counties, Ohio)

June/July 2016

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## The musical "1776" produced locally

Several of us attended "1776" by the local Genesis Theater Project, a musical about our country's founding fathers and we thought it was well done; the original won the 1969 Tony award for best musical. Rose and I then watched a DVD of the original and can report that our locally grown actors and musicians did as good a job as the Broadway Performers 47 years ago. Be sure to remember the name of **Haile Ferrier** (who played Abigail Adams) as she will become well-known country wide in a few years. She is 17 years old, just graduated from Athens High School, but her stage presence and voice suggested a woman with years of college training and experience; spine tingling performance.

Dennis E. Powell of The Athens News wrote the following in the Jun 15, 2016 issue:

*"The setting is Philadelphia during the steamy summer of 1776, with much of the action taking place in the Second Continental Congress. John Adams of Massachusetts (portrayed by Stuart Baxter-Potter) is the leading advocate of separation from England, and is hindered in his efforts to get the rest of the Congress to go along because he is, in a phrase in the show drawn from correspondence at the time, "obnoxious and disliked." What to do?*

*"Students of history know how it all turns out as does, at least to some extent, everybody else. But "1776" turns dry facts into flesh and blood, as it unfolds becoming the love story of John and Abigail Adams (Haile Ferrier) and that of Thomas Jefferson (Tyler Thress) and his Martha (Alli Purcell), all the while with wry and suggestive commentary from Benjamin Franklin (Joe Balding), who thinks the symbol of the new nation should be not the bald eagle but the turkey.*

*"As a theater piece, the musical is vocally challenging, with complicated harmonies and the powerful "Molasses to Rum," in which Edward Rutledge (Esteban Vazquez) points out to the sanctimonious New Englanders that their hands are not clean in the matter of slavery.*

# John Adams - God Save America (HQ) Independence Speech

John Adams' (Paul Giamatti) argument for the need to declare independence from the British and form a Republic government based on laws not men. From the HBO documentary John Adams based on the book. John Adams also is shown making this speech in the 1776 musical. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQHkGPXMCU8>

## July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Athens

Tom Romine and Scott Moody had planned to march but it was raining and we didn't want to risk slipping on the bricks damaging a drum and a flag let alone harming Tom's new knee and messing up Scott's foot that had been treated the week before. Hopefully next year the weather will be dry and sunny.

## Treasurer's Report

Jim Smith turned over the financial files, spreadsheet and checkbook to Scott Moody in June with an ending balance for the fiscal year June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> of \$360.90. The first action by the new treasurer (yours truly) was to make a deposit of \$41 which was derived from winning the split-the-pot at the joint DAR/SAR annual picnic on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of compatriot George (Charlotte) Benz. The deal was that if a DAR member would hold the winning ticket, ½ would go to the individual and ½ to the DAR chapter; if a SAR member, then to Ewing. Scott Moody won so he was able to pocket \$41 and then \$41 went into our coffers. This continues the positive streak of "happy bucks" which we began at the April meeting at Rocky Boots (thanks to compatriot Judge Alan Goldsberry for suggesting this fun and painless way to cushion our treasury), \$6 in April, then \$15 in May but culminating with \$41 in June.

## Annual Awards Meeting at Chester Courthouse

We had a good turnout at the Chester Courthouse the evening of May 26, 2016. . 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Tom Romine was in charge of the evening program, the slate of new officers for 2016-2017 were sworn in and then several awards were presented. Jim Smith and Bill Beegle received Service Pins (10 and 15 years respectively). President Lochary gave Bill Beegle his Past President's pin and the Meritorious Service medal to George Benz.. Secretary George Benz gave Charlotte Benz (Regent of the Nabby Lee Ames DAR chapter) the Martha Washington medal and a Certificate of Appreciation to Carl Denbow for his work on the website. Andy Chiki presented Amber Pyle EMT-P with the Emergency Service award and Fred Davis EMA the Fire Safety award. The Flag Award was presented to Rocky Boots in Nelsonville at our April meeting at the same facility.



Dr. Sarah Kinkel, Ohio University,  
Department of History

Dr. Sarah Kinkel (Assistant Professor of History) was invited to enlighten us more on the history of the American Revolution. You may recall that last winter

she also provided us with an explanation of the various taxation acts leading up to the Revolutionary War.

Her topic this time addressed what many of us did not know: that the American Revolution truly was a world war, perhaps the first world war, because it had involved many other nations of Europe (not just France and Britain) and had battles in far flung places such as India. Our host Tom Romine then presented Dr. Kinkel with a Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.

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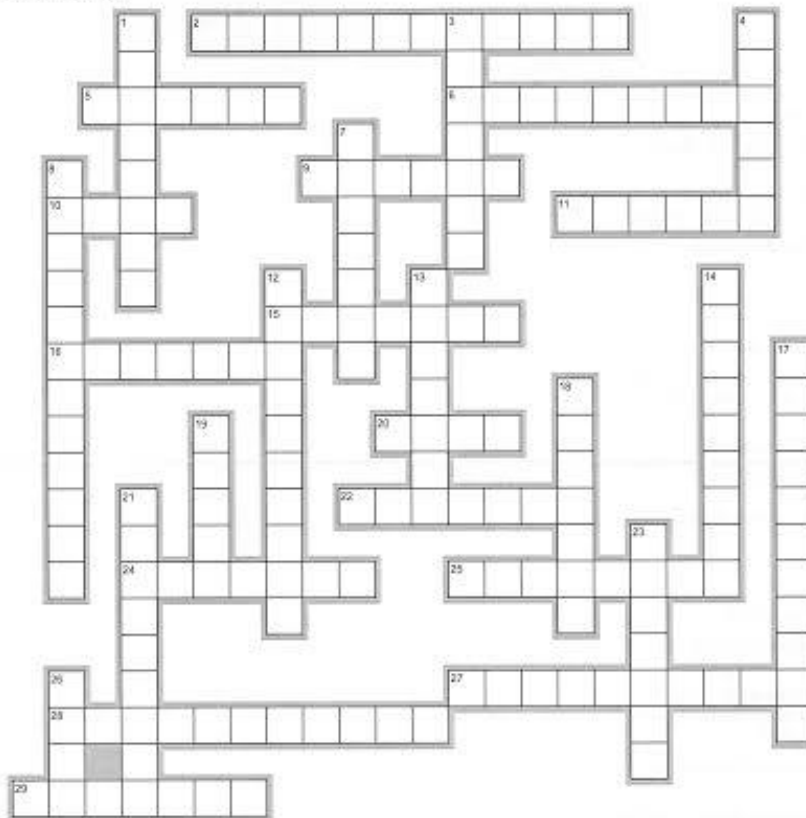
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## Ewing SAR Crossword July 2016

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### Word bank

ABIGAIL BOSTON CHESTER DOCTORS FRANKLIN GATES GENESIS GOUT HANCOCK  
HEMP HISTORY JEFFERSON JOHNSADAMS MADKING MARTHA PAULREVERE  
PENNSYLVANIA PHILADELPHIA RACCOON ROYHOLTER RUSH SARAHKINKEL SLAVERY  
TRAUTMAN UNALIENABLE VERMONT WARREN WASHINGTON YELLOW

### Across

2. State that had the most signers (9) of the Declaration
5. Both Washington and Jefferson wives were named \_\_\_\_\_?
6. Our compatriot, a dairy farmer from Meigs County, who died recently

9. The first colonial congress meeting in Philadelphia wanted to leave long before July 4th because of fears of the mosquito born \_\_\_\_\_ fever disease
10. Fiber from this plant was used to make the paper on which the Declaration of Independence was written
11. City where the founders of Ohio University met to plan the college

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## Across

15. The wife of John Adams
16. Who killed George Washington by bleeding him to death?
20. Benjamin Franklin was suffering badly from this disease when he was attending the congress
22. Largest signature on the Declaration of Independence
24. Sarah Kinkel PhD Asst Professor of \_\_\_\_\_ at Ohio University
25. Oldest signer of the Declaration
27. The well-known patriot who definitively identified General Dr. Joseph Warren's corpse on the basis of a silver dental bridge
28. John Adams replaced inalienable with \_\_\_\_\_ over the objections of Thomas Jefferson. Which is better?
29. Location of the oldest courthouse building in Ohio

## Down

1. Compatriot who died last winter
3. New England state that was not one of the 13 colonies represented
4. The highest ranking officer leading the rag-tag colonial army at the battle of Bunker Hill, Charlestown where he died
7. Theater group that produced the musical 1776 in Athens
8. City where the first congress of the 13 colonies convened
12. Notable colonist fighting for independence who did not sign the Declaration of Independence
13. Skins from this common wild mammal were sold to generate funds for a library in Amesville
14. Initial author of the Declaration of Independence
17. Expert on American Revolutionary War history who spoke to our chapter twice this past year
18. George III King of Great Britain during the Revolution was later known as the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 words)
19. Despicable actions by this British General in Massachusetts led to the consolidation of the 13 colonies around the Declaration
21. Bulldog of the 1st Congress from Massachusetts
23. Initial draft included the abolishment of \_\_\_\_\_ but was removed to satisfy the southern states
26. Famous medical doctor from Philadelphia and signer of the Declaration

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## NECROLOGY

### Roy Leo Holter

2/6/1928-6/27/2016 Pomeroy, Ohio

Roy Leo Holter was born on February 6, 1928 and died June 27, 2016 at the age of 88. He was born to Homer Ross and Ada Leora Frecker Holter at Morning Star, Racine, Ohio. He was their only child but was “Uncle Roy” to a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. After attending school at Morning Star, Pleasant View and Racine, he graduated from Pomeroy High School in 1946 and then from Ohio State University School of Agriculture in 1950. Roy raised his children with the life values he was taught—hard work, strong ethics, and the importance of a good education.



He and his life partner, Patricia Ann Thompson met at 4-H camp and later eloped and married on

Christmas Day in 1949. Their children, Ann Holter Fox (Richard) Munafco; Roy Lee Holter (deceased); Alan (Kaye) Holter; Jan Holter (Greg) Davis; and Ed (Jan) Holter always respected and loved their father for his tolerance, ambitiousness, and high expectations for himself and his family. Roy is survived by his wife, Patricia Thompson Holter, his four children, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Roy started Holter Holstein Farms in 1946 with his parents. He later was excited to be joined by both of his sons and their families. The registered Holstein dairy farm operations meant many long work days, few vacations, and much hard work for the whole family. Roy remained involved in the still growing farm operations until his death. In addition to being a full time farmer, he spent 32 years as a rural US mail carrier in Pomeroy, retiring in 1986.

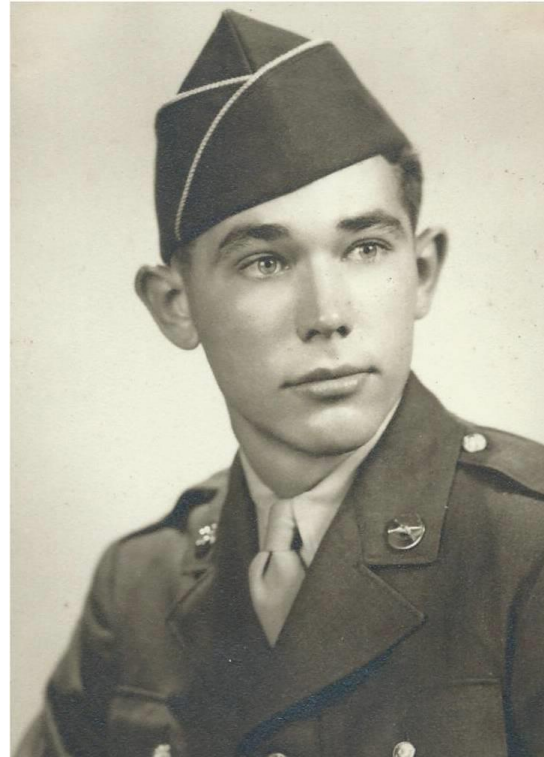
From an early age Roy was very involved in church and his community. He was an Elder at the Pomeroy Trinity Church and a member the Meigs County “Ikes”; Farm Bureau; Grange; Meigs County Fair Board; and an advisor for the Flatwoods and Better Livestock Dairy 4-H Clubs. He was a life member of the Ewing Chapter of SAR; The Ohio and American Holstein Association; Meigs County Historical Society; and Chester Shade Historical Association.

Roy bowled in a league and for the Rockspings Grange state championship winning team; he loved to play horse shoes and with Patricia spent many years square dancing with their friends in the Belles and Beaus Western Square Dance Club. Roy was an avid fan of Eastern and Meigs High School sports as well as his Ohio State University and he showed his enthusiasm by cheering for all of his teams at many games. Roy loved to travel and along with Patricia made several trips abroad and visited all 50 of the United States. He also hunted locally and

made hunting trips with his buddies to several western states.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Chester Shade Historical Association at Box 5, Chester, Ohio, 45720. (NB: our chapter sent flowers, see photo above; also if somebody has a nice photo of our compatriot, then I would like a copy). Funeral services were held on Friday, July 1, 2016 at 1:00pm with Pastor Randy Smith officiating at the Anderson McDaniel Funeral Home in Pomeroy. Burial followed at Chester Cemetery.

**(Request:** I would like a formal photograph of Roy for our chapter's history, please. SM)



## NECROLOGY

### Frank Stone Trautman

10/01/1922 to ~~01/18/1916~~ 06-16-2014

Frank Stone Trautman, 91 years of age, passed away January 18, 2016 in Zionsville, IN where he had lived for the last years to be near his son, Michael.

Frank was born on October 1, 1922 to Stone and Mary Engle Trautman in Belpre, OH. He graduated from Belpre High School. He attended Ohio University until called to active duty in WW II. He fought and was capture in the Battle of the Bulge and remained a POW in Stalag IX B Bad Orb until liberated by Allied Forces in the spring of 1945.

Once discharged from the military, he returned to complete his education, graduating from Marietta College.

Frank worked as a petroleum engineer early in his career before becoming a teacher. With an additional degree from Antioch College, he then taught math and science in both private and public schools systems until retirement.

Frank was an active Mason and a proud member of the Sons of American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans and the Order of Cincinnatus. He remained active in many community and civic projects in his hometown of Belpre throughout his life.

Frank was the widower of the late Nancy Jean Keener Trautman. Surviving are their children, Susan Lee Trautman, Michael Stone Trautman and Jonathan Keener Trautman; and four grandchildren, Bryan, Erik, Neal and Ellen.

## FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

I would like over the next year or two to highlight each member and explain their historical links to Revolutionary War Patriots. I will lead off in August with my proud history.

If you have ideas for the newsletter or short essays or photographs that you would like to place in the newsletter please email them to Scott Moody at:

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