

Sons of the American Revolution



Ewing Chapter (Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Counties, Ohio) September 2016

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Copy of our 1936 SAR Charter that hangs on the wall of the Chester Courthouse showing the misspelling of our Chapter as Ewings instead of the correct Ewing. The family never used the plural or possessive form.



Chapter Meeting Dates and Presentations

Thursday, Sep 22nd

630pm Chester Court House, Chapter Business: 1, , conduct memorial service for Compatriots Holter and Heidler; 2, induction of new members if they attend; 3, discuss and vote on changes to constitution articles and bylaws; 4, correct and change name of chapter from Ewings (**sic**)* to Lt. George Ewing; 5, plan the meetings for winter and spring 2017; 6, new business.

* **Sic** means as originally written (our charter of 1936) although in actuality an error (misspelled)

Friday, October 7th

5:00 PM: OHSSAR Buffett Dinner – American Legion Post 23

6:00 PM: OHSSAR Executive Committee/Ladies Aux. Meetings – American Legion Post 23

7:30 PM: “Maid of the Mist” Play & Historical Speakers – Tu-Endi-Wie State Park

Saturday, October 8th

8:00 AM: OHSSAR Fall BOM Meeting – American Legion Post 23

11:00 AM: Battle Days Parade – Main Street – Point Pleasant

>>>> Parade participants muster at Main & 10th St., Pt. Pleasant at 10:45 AM, Color Guard

6:00 PM: Colonial Governor’s Reception- American Legion Post 23

8:00 PM: Colonial Ball

Sunday October 9th

10:00 AM: Early Colonial Church Service – Tu-Endi-Wie State Park

12:30 PM: Luncheon – Trinity United Methodist Church

2:00 PM: Battle of Point Pleasant Memorial Service, Color Guard – Tu-Endi-Wie State Park

Thursday, Oct 27th

630pm Speaker, former compatriot Bill Walker and the Lt. George Ewing Family; SE Ohio History Center

Friday, Nov 11th Veteran’s Day Parade, Athens, for our Color Guard

Thursday, Nov 17th

630pm TBD. SE Ohio History Center

Sunday, Dec 4th Noon: SAR/DAR Annual Regional Holiday Luncheon, Parkersburg Country Club

Jan 26th TBA

Feb 23rd TBA Please come September 22nd and suggest speakers and programs

Mar 23rd TBA

Apr 27th TBA

May 25th TBA Installation of new officers for 2017

Saturday, Jun 3rd Noon, annual DAR/SAR potluck and planning meeting, 4841 Angel Ridge Road, Athens.

Dues Notice for 2017

Scott Moody treasurer will be handing out dues notice’s for the 2017 dues at the Sept 22nd meeting; those who aren’t in attendance will receive a copy in the mail. The dues should be received by the Ewing Chapter before November 30, 2016, the paperwork will be sent to the State Registrar so we can have all of the paperwork sent into National before January 1, 2017

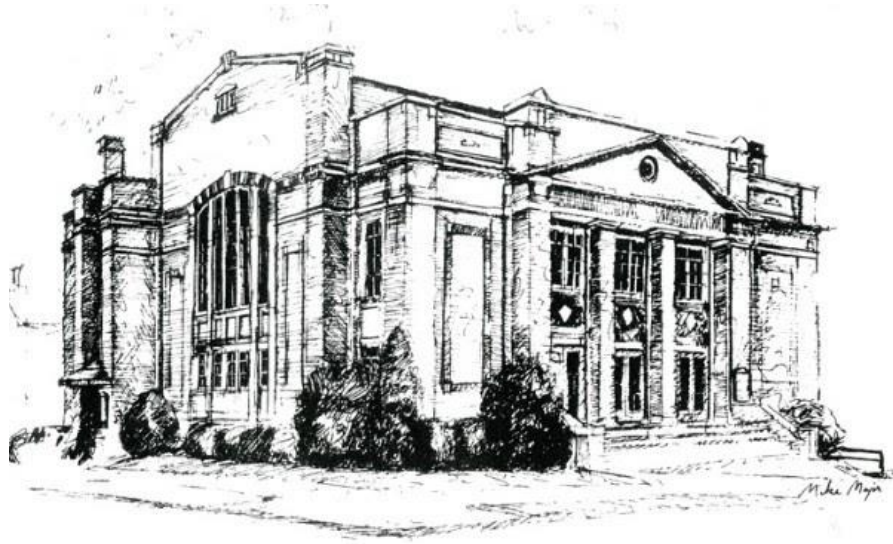


The **Old Meigs County Courthouse (left)** is a historic former [government building](#) in the small community of [Chester, Ohio, United States](#). Erected in the early nineteenth century, the courthouse served multiple purposes for the surrounding community in its early years, but it operated as a courthouse for less than twenty years before being abandoned in favor of another courthouse in another community. Following a restoration in the 1950s, it was designated a [historic site](#) in the 1970s along with an adjacent school the Chester Academy (right); the two buildings are operated together as a museum. It is Ohio's oldest extant building constructed as a courthouse.

Our SAR Chapter has considered this our home <http://www.chestercourthouse.com/> and we meet there several times a year. Recently President James Lochary and yours truly Scott Moody (together with his wife Rose Isgrigg, Registrar of the Nabby Ames DAR) became members and we encourage our compatriots to do so as well (several have been founding members of the association). If you would like to join the cost of an Adult Membership is \$10.00 a year. Please mail your check to: Chester Shade Historical Association, P.O. Box 5 % Jim Stewart, Chester, OH 45720

Your memberships help support our educational projects for students in Meigs Local School District, Eastern Local School District and Southern Local School District. Examples of a few projects are Civil War Reenactors that go into the schools to give demonstrations on the Civil War and speak to the students about the Life of a Civil War Soldier, Union and Confederate; Student Essay projects on different cultures during the 19th and 20th centuries; speakers on Community History and dialects, old roads and many other programs. If you have a program that you would be interested in and like us to present, please send your idea in with your membership to Chester Shade Historical Association.

The Southeast Ohio History Center, 24 W. State Street, Athens, Ohio 45701
[740-592-2280](tel:740-592-2280) <http://athenshistory.org/> Please note- The Athens County Historical Society and Museum and the Athens Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society are both housed in the Southeast History Center. We are still ACHS&M, just expanding to newer and greater horizons as the Southeast Ohio History Center!



Individual Membership: \$20 Free or discounted admission to museum events, reduced overnight rate at the Holiday Inn Express of Athens, our quarterly publication, *The Bulletin*. \$5.00 off tour and special event tickets like the Asylum Walking Tour, Brew Week and our Holiday Homes Tour!

Family: \$35 Same as individual membership + Free or reduced admission to museum events. Family memberships apply to family members living in the same home.

SEOHC 1ST WEB PROGRAM IS UP!

Ewing SAR our own Compatriot Tom Romine

I'm very excited to announce that our programs here at the Museum will be video-taped in the future and will appear here on our website so that ALL our membership can enjoy the wonderful programs given at the Athens County Historical Society & Museum. ENJOY! Boshia Green, Museum Coordinator, ACHS&M

To watch "A Revolutionary War Drummer" click on this link: <https://youtu.be/kKm9o5Llwgq> or go to <http://athenshistory.org/events> A huge thank you goes out to the Athens Government Channel and especially Matthew Scott Luhn for video taping and editing our programs.

The first in our web series is Tom Romine, who will be speaking on the important role of the military drummer throughout history. The Revolutionary War drummer was an essential part of the first Army in the colonies at the time of the Revolutionary War. Tom will demonstrate and explain what the drummer did and how the soldiers of the time period depended on the drummers in their daily lives.

Tom Romine is a native of Athens, Ohio and began playing drums at the age of ten. He played in the Athens High School band, the Ohio University band, the First U.S. Army Band at Ft. Meade, Maryland, the Fourth Infantry Division Band in Vietnam, and Utah National Guard Band. Tom holds a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Music from the University of Utah and Doctor of Musical Arts from the Ohio Sate University. He has been an assistant band director at Logan High for the past fifteen years.

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The Life of Thomas Paine

"The world is my country, and my religion is to do good."--Thomas Paine

<http://thelifeofthomaspaine.org/>

Mon, Sep 26, 2016 6pm free Vienna WV Library 2300 1st Ave, Vienna, WV 26105

Go north on SR 14 (the main 4 lane through the Vienna Shopping Malls) then bear left on 1st Avenue or continue on SR 14 (go past Wendy's) turn left on 23rd St go a block and turn right on 1st avenue.

"Bravo! I loved the Thomas Paine film and Ian's superb performance as Paine. He metamorphosed into Paine--his physical character and intellect--beautifully and believably. He made his ideas and story come alive and be extremely relevant for today's audiences. It was a very powerful experience..."

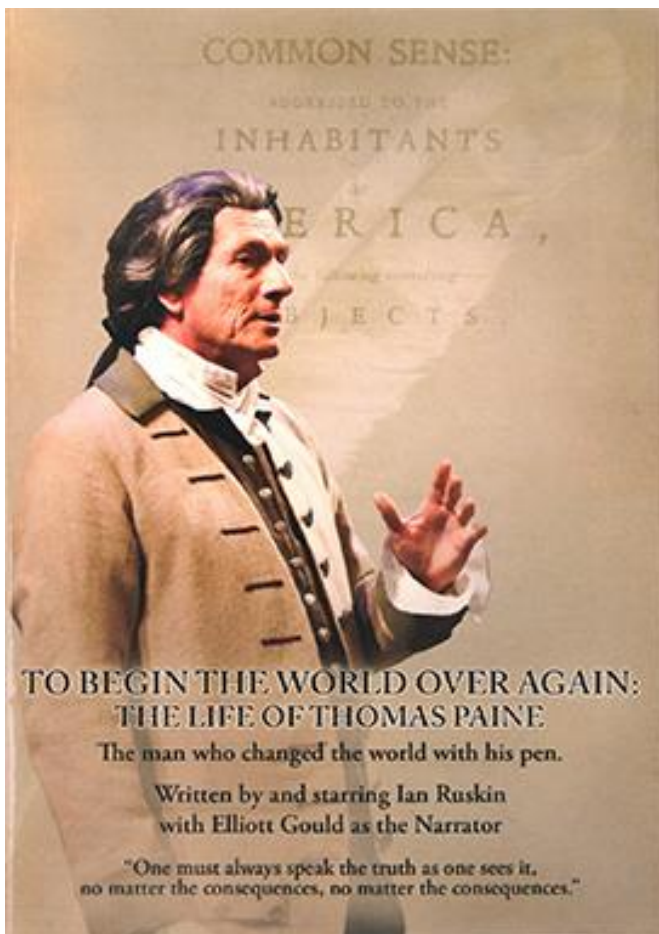
Terry Sanders, Director, Producer, Writer and two-time Oscar winner

"Thank you for making an inspiring, surprisingly contemporary film about a Founding Father. I am looking forward to this film launching many conversations about justice and democracy. I'm a new Thomas Paine fan!"

Lisa Leeman, Director, Producer of *Awake: The Life of Yogananda*, *One Lucky Elephant*, and Sundance award winner *Metamorphosis*

"It is a spectacular way to introduce people to the historical struggles and the ideas of the most important revolutionary thinker of the late eighteenth century. This inspiring play shows people how ideas can matter and that political courage is worthy of our admiration."

Elaine Bernard, Exective Director, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard Law School



Unalienable vs. inalienable: A centuries-old debate, still unresolved (in regards to the Declaration of Independence 4th of July 1776

NB: For those of us who attended the local production of "1776" this past June we learned (perhaps for the first time as in my case) of this controversy; depends on educational background Adams very much influenced by classical languages at Harvard College, Cambridge Massachusetts. Jefferson attended College of William and Mary in Williamsburg VA and followed the spelling of the Romance Languages e.g. French. Some authors have attempted to twist this debate between federalism (inalienable) versus states-rights (unalienable) which I feel is untenable but if anybody wishes the citations, I shall oblige.

[Gregory Krieg](#), CNN January 6, 2016

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/06/politics/barack-obama-unalienable-inalienable-gun-control/>

Story highlights

- Amid the gun debate, a question about language
- Obama said "unalienable" -- but could he have meant or should he have said, "inalienable"?
- Thomas Jefferson wrote inalienable and John Adams didn't agree and changed it to unalienable

(*CNN*)With his new plan to curb gun violence already facing legal and political pushback, President Barack Obama on Tuesday made another decision that immediately set off a very different kind of debate.

In making his plea for further action, Obama allowed that Second Amendment rights are "important," but not, he said, any more so than the "right to a peaceful assembly" or "our unalienable right to life, and liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Both of the latter, the president insisted, had been "robbed" by mass shooters, first at a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, then at schools and campuses in Virginia, California and Newtown, Connecticut. But as most zeroed in on the message behind his speech, eagle-eyed history buffs and language wonks were beset with another question.

Are those rights "unalienable," as the President said -- or "inalienable," as we so often see, hear and read? To start, the words mean the same thing.

"Inalienable" has gained a stronger foothold in modern times, but both appear without distinction on the Merriam-Webster Dictionary website, which defines them as signifying that which is "incapable of being alienated, surrendered, or transferred."

As a historical matter, however, the story is a bit more difficult to pick apart. Though the final version of the Declaration of Independence, the one written on parchment and currently housed at the Department of State, uses "unalienable," there are existing copies and drafts with conflicting usage.

According to [ushistory.org](#), the nonprofit Independence Hall Association's website, shows, the confusion -- or, possibly, debate -- over the matter can be traced back to the late 18th century. In earlier versions, usually those drafted by or on behalf of Thomas Jefferson, the words appears as "inalienable." But Jefferson wasn't in charge of the final printing. That was his old pal John Adams.

In a footnote, [ushistory.org](#) cites a 1922 article called "The Declaration of Independence: A Study in the History of Political Ideas," in which the author, Carl Lotus Becker, states: "Adams was one of the committee which supervised the printing of the text adopted by Congress, and it may have been at his suggestion that the change was made in printing."

The debate lingers and not just among the pedants. Obama himself seems aware of the conflict and has been careful to quote the Founding Fathers according to the official documents. But when he is only paraphrasing, as he did during another speech on gun violence in 2013, the President showed his preference.

Obama said on Jan. 21, 2013, "As Americans, we are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights that no man or government can take away from us."

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NECROLOGY

Obituary for Robert Heidler 1932 to 2016 (does anyone have a photo?)

ATHENS - Robert S. "Bob" Heidler, 83 of Alanson, Michigan formerly of Athens died Saturday evening, Aug. 27, 2016 at Highlands, Northport, Michigan. Born Sept. 30, 1932 in Athens, he was the son of the late Joseph Bunn Heidler and Lois Springer Heidler.

Bob was a 1950 graduate of Athens High School, a 1954 graduate of Ohio University and completed his education with a master degree in library science from the [University of Michigan](#) in 1968. He was a reference librarian at Bowling Green State University where he retired after 30 years of service. He was a U.S. [Army](#) veteran, serving from 1954 to 1956.

Bob was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Athens and Burt Lake Christian Church in Burt Lake, Michigan, Ohio University Alumni Association and Bowling Green State University Emeriti Association. Beginning in 1942, Bob was a summer resident at his family cabin on Burt Lake, Michigan and eventually became a full time resident. Bob is survived by many friends and associates.

Funeral service will be conducted Saturday 11 a.m. at Jagers & Sons Funeral Home, Athens with Rev. Robert Martin officiating. Burial will be in West Union St. Cemetery. Friends may call Saturday 10 a.m until time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 9 N. College St., Athens, Ohio 45701 or the Burt Lake Christian Church, 10989 W M-68, Burt Lake, MI 49717. –

Old McArthur Cemetery (Vinton County OH)

Compatriot Scott Moody walked about the Old McArthur (Vinton County) Cemetery recently and found only one SAR patriot marker for Serg. Caleb Johnson 1749-1836. He was dismayed to discover many headstones broken, tipped over, partially covered with sod, etc. This may be a cemetery that our chapter may wish to adopt and work with the Gravestone Guardians of Ohio for restoration. <http://gravestoneguardians.com/> Thanks to compatriot Andy Chiki for finding information about the gravestone guardians.

They work with the latest techniques in the cleaning and repairing of tombstones and offer a wide ranging list of services to suit the needs of family, cemetery, and community for the purpose of documenting and preserving the monuments to those who came before us.

Who else is presumably buried there? Our SAR Chapter conducted a grave marking ceremony in 2008 (next page)



Revolutionary War patriot John Wyman McArthur Old Cemetery dedication in 2008



Courier photo June 4, 2008

By **GABRIELLE JOHNSTON**

The final resting place of a Revolutionary War patriot was dedicated on May 24 in McArthur after his descendants traveled from Florida to oversee the ceremony and witness the unveiling of a new headstone.

Barbara Hodalski began the search for her fourth great-grandfather John Wyman, Jr. in 1992. She knew he was buried in the old McArthur Cemetery (sic) on East Main Street but wasn't sure where. "The stones were buried in the mud," she said, describing the six pieces that were finally unearthed.

After locating what was left of his headstone, Hodalski began the process of getting her ancestor properly recognized. A member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Hodalski wanted to see Wyman remembered not only because she was related to him, but also because of his place in

American history. "We recover all the heroes we can find," Hodalski said of her work with the DAR. "It's very important that we remember our revolutionaries."

On their way to McArthur, Hodalski and her husband, Frank, picked up Carol Marsh and her family. Marsh is the Hodalski's daughter and her family's presence meant three generations of ancestors were present for Wyman's ceremony.

"It takes so many people at the right places at the right time to make this happen," Marsh said. Hodalski worked with the Ewing chapter of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Point Pleasant chapter of the West Virginia Society of the SAR to coordinate the new headstone's placement and Saturday's ceremony.

"I'm very glad this is happening," Hodalski said. "We all feel like family," Marsh explained. "Every American can claim these guys."

Wyman is buried next to his wife Hanna in the shade of a large tree in the cemetery. The new white headstone marks him as a Revolutionary War patriot, with the pieces of his former marker placed in front.

Wyman was born in Massachusetts (sic) in 1763. He enlisted when he was 16 and served as a private in Capt. Benjamin Alton's Co., Col. John Rand's Regulars for about three months at West Point, New York. He was later detached to serve one and a half months at White Plains, New York with Col. Jameson's Light Horse Brigade.

He married Hanna Stiles in 1789 and moved his family to Ohio in 1814. They settled in Elk Twp. in what was then part of Athens County, now Vinton County. Wyman died in 1840.

"If the past is indeed a prologue to the future, then a glimpse into the past can provide (sic) a source of wisdom and inspiration for the future," Jack Coles, a SAR member said during the headstone's dedication. "As we honor this patriot today, let us be mindful of his service to our nation and let us rededicate ourselves to the principles for which he held sacred."