

Sons of the American Revolution



Lt George Ewing Chapter (Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Counties, Ohio) Oct 2016

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Chapter Meeting Dates and Presentations

Oct 27, 2016 12:00 noon AT THE GUN ROOM Restaurant in the Lafayette , A Grand Riverboat Era Hotel located at 101 Front Street, Marietta, OH Each year the Marietta and the Lt George Ewing Chapter of the SAR and respective DAR Chapters meet to discuss what goes on in each chapter.

Nov 11, 2016 1000am Athens Veterans' Day Parade: Scott Moody, Andy Chiki, Tom Romine marching

Nov 17, 2016 630pm Bill Walker and the Ewing family history. SE Ohio History Center

Dec 4, 2016 Noon: SAR/DAR Annual Regional Holiday Luncheon, Parkersburg Country Club

Jan 26, 2017 TBA Apr , 2017 TBA

Feb , 2017 TBA May , 2017 TBA

Mar , 2017 TBA

Jun 3, 2017 Noon, annual DAR/SAR potluck and planning meeting, 4841 Angel Ridge Road, Athens.



THE BATTLE OF BLUE LICKS

BLUE LICKS BATTLEFIELD STATE RESORT PARK

Compatriots Jim Smith and Steve Frasch attended the Memorial Service at **Blue Licks Battlefield State Park** this past August. The Battle of Blue Licks happened August 19, 1782 and is regarded as the final battle of the American Revolutionary War even though Cornwallis had surrendered at Yorktown on October 19, 1781. The Treaty of Paris, signed in Paris by representatives of King George III of Great Britain and representatives of the *United States of America* on September 3, 1783, ended the American Revolutionary War but news of that wouldn't reach the frontier for many months after. The **Continental Congress's** commission to negotiate a treaty was comprised of John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson, and Henry Laurens. In

1782, British Captain William Caldwell led a force of Indians against the small Kentucky settlement of Bryan's Station. Caldwell met stiff resistance, and after two days, retreated toward the Ohio River. The pioneers – Daniel Boone among them – were inclined to wait for reinforcements before pursuing the enemy, and although under the general leadership of Major John Todd, Major Hugh McGary of the Lincoln County contingent made a brash and fateful decision to pursue immediately (after an insult for being timid from Todd), engaging Caldwell at Blue Licks. In the battle that followed, 60 of the 176 men who followed McGary were killed, Boone's son Israel among them. Another 7 were captured. Reinforcements under George Rogers Clark eventually arrived and drove Caldwell's forces from Kentucky for good.

Andrew Chiki: the current status of Revolutionary War Patriot Graves in Athens County

I had great success today at the Southeast Ohio History Center! For one, I was able to find the cemetery plot map of West State Street Cemetery. The pages were not all together and it had been mislabeled and filed into York TWP, but I was able to put it back together. The map that I found had been done in the early/mid 1930's. I took photos of each of the pages and will spend some time looking through it when I get a chance. Of the patriots on the plaque at the gate, 6 of the 7 have currently existing headstones and can be found fairly easily. There are some really good stories and histories about nearly all of the patriots.

Capt. Benjamin Brown - Has legible headstone and fought at Bunker Hill in Mass.

Silas Bingham - Has legible headstone and was with Gen. Washington when he crossed the Delaware.

James Brice - Has legible headstone and served in Pennsylvania militia.

Nathaniel Burrell - Has a legible headstone.

Joseph Lyons - Headstone missing, should be listed on the cemetery map though.

Samuel Risley - Has legible headstone.

Daniel Stewart - Has a legible headstone, probably one of the more notable people buried in the cemetery.

Hosted John "Johnny Appleseed" Chapman at his homestead near Federal Creek. There is a family legend of him stealing the boots from a British officer during the war and later meeting the officer again later in life on the frontier by happenstance.

While I was at the History Center I went through the rest of the cemetery maps for Athens County and photographed the maps of the ones that have patriots buried there. We have a lot of patriots buried in Athens County! Some of the cemeteries I found maps of I've never heard of so there are probably opportunities to do some sleuthing and rediscover patriot burial sites that we could then take on as projects to restore with permission. When I get a chance I will go through those map photos as well and create a patriot list and location. I think there were 17 additional cemeteries that I found that have patriots.



Scott moody representing our chapter; participating in color guard, Fort Laurens memorial service last june.

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Secretary George Benz presenting our chapter's wreath accompanied by Treasurer Scott Moody with chapter flag, and SAR guard, Pt Pleasant Battlefield Memorial Sunday October 9th 2016



Scott Moody visited for the first time last September the battlefield at Yorktown VA where Cornwallis surrendered to Lafayette and Washington. The Park Service has launched a project that will restore the original settings of the cannons and the earthen works as they were modified over the years especially in the Civil War. A must place to visit Compatriots.



Scott Moody also visited Mount Vernon (large Virginia plantation of General and President George Washington) last September and was pleasantly surprised at how well planned, renovated and excellent tour guides who knew their history thoroughly.



Moody having grown up on a farm and being an active gardener was impressed learning that George Washington experimented and advocated through publications the composting of manure, vegetable matter, fish guts and heads (remember he lived on the Potomac River and every year his plantation would net and salt thousands of barrels of herring) as well as human waste. The outhouse (privy, necessity) was located at the edge of the lower garden nearest the mansion. The photo above shows the entrance but the garden is on the backside with a door to get to the composting “treasure” deposited by humans. By the way it was a 3 seater and undoubtedly a lot of good conversation took place there on occasions.



Scott's wife Rose Isgrigg requested a present of George Washington's false teeth and sure enough the gift shop sold replicas. She was happy.

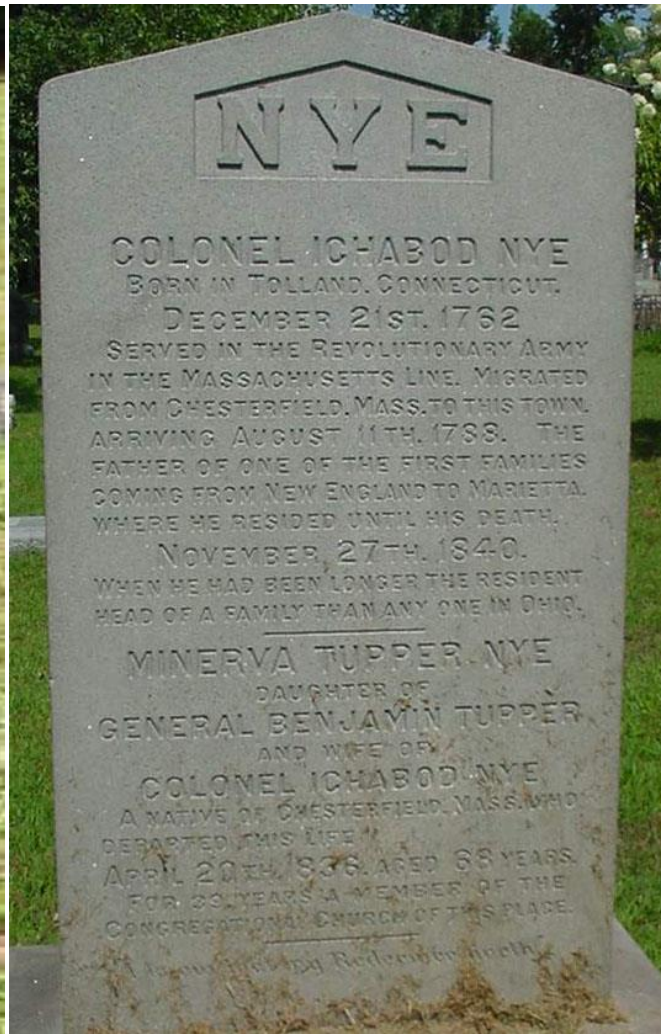
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Scott Moody and the Nye Family of Athens and Washington Counties of Ohio.

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Brothers: Captain Ebenezer Nye, Rainbow Cemetery, Washington Co. and Colonel Ichabod Nye, Mound Cemetery, Marietta OH. First cousins once removed of my patriot Captain Meletiah Nye.

When I moved to Ohio in August 1979 to begin a professorship of anatomy and zoology at Ohio University in Athens, I was frequently asked by local folks if I were related to the Moody's of Millfield, Glouster and villages of Perry County. No, that was not the case as my Moody ancestry from 1630 was always Massachusetts, Connecticut and Vermont; then my great-grandfather moved to Iowa and then my grandfather together with my father moved to Nebraska which is where I grew up. Nobody was from Ohio. With the advent of the internet and the birth of genealogical networks as well as inheriting from my Uncle shortly before he died all of the

Moody genealogical records that had been compiled by great Uncle Seth Enoch Moody, I was then able to explore the family history in more detail.

Would there be any connections with my Moody branch of the family with any of the migrants from New England to Marietta and Athens? Shortly after moving to Athens I discovered in Chauncey the Nye Cemetery which always catches my attention as I drive past on SR 13. My grandfather was Perrin Nye Moody and the Nye name came from his grandmother. Could there be a connection?

Last year as I entered into semi-retirement I finally had the time and motivation to search for Revolutionary War Patriots in my family lineages. As I was born in 1949, my patriots should be six and seven generations back in time. Remember, that biologically we have one father, two grandfathers, 4 great-grandfathers, 8 great-great-grandfathers, 16 three-great-grandfathers, 32 four great-great-grandfathers, 64 five-great-grandfathers, etc. I was able to exclude half of the potential patriots at the start of my inquest since my father's mother was an immigrant from northern Germany, and my mother's paternal great-grandparents escaped Ireland during the Potato Famines.

During the past year I have focused only on the Moody 25% of my heritage and joined SAR under my Patriot Asahel Moody from Amherst Massachusetts. My current quest is to verify more patriots from the Moody lineage and I have documented 8 more and researching a few more. Two of those patriots are Captain Meletiah Nye and his son David Nye, Sr. who was a drummer and fifer. In the future I will be working on the Cook 25% (my maternal grandmother's lineage which has several lines right back to the Mayflower and numerous Puritan founders of Massachusetts Bay Colony in the 1620's and 1630's.

When Jean Yost shared with us the poster listing Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Washington County at the May chapter meeting, I noticed Ebenezer Nye and questioned the record. The reason was that a recent newsletter of the Athens County Museum and Historical Society had discussed Ebenezer Nye of Chauncey and other Nye relatives. Therefore, I assumed that he was buried in the Nye Cemetery but when I went to the cemetery records and found 22 Nye's buried there Ebenezer was not on the list. His wife Silence *nee* Grant Nye however is buried in Chauncey having died in 1825. Where is Ebenezer? Why wasn't he buried in the Nye Cemetery of Chauncey? And would he possibly be related to the Nye family of my genealogy? A list of the gravestones at the Nye Cemetery Chauncey OH (although many were illegible or buried) can be found at: <http://www.usgwarchives.net/oh/athens/photos/tombstones/nye/nye03.htm>

I have a PDF copy of the book "A genealogy of the Nye family" compiled by George Hyatt Nye and Frank E. Best and edited by David Fisher Nye, 1907, published by the Nye Family of America Association and I found the answers. Ebenezer Nye is entry 487 which I copy verbatim next.

"(He was} born at Tolland Connecticut October 21, 1750. In May 1774, he went to Kent, Litchfield County, Conn and worked during the summer, returning to Tolland during the winter. In the spring of 1775 he returned to Kent, and soon enlisted in a company for six months and was sent to Lake George. He served at various times during the war, the last time being 1781 in Captain Edward Bulkeley's Company in the 3d Connecticut Line. In March 1776 he married Desire Sawyer. She was born in Litchfield, Conn May 6, 1757 and died February 7, 1800. In June 1790, he started for Ohio, reaching Marietta in October. In 1795, he moved to Rainbow Ohio (up the Muskingum River, right bank, today between Devola and Lowell) where he died February 29, 1823. He married for his second wife the widow Gardiner. He wrote a journal of his religious experience which is very interesting. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and sometimes preached."

Note, another genealogist wrote that Ebenezer was a school teacher in Washington County. Silence (nee Grant) Gardner Nye first married circa 1779 Benoni Gardiner/Gardner and then married Ebenezer Nye in 1802. Ebenezer Nye who died 1823 in Rainbow, Ohio, is buried with his first wife Desire. Silence, who died in 1825, is buried in the Nye Cemetery in Dover Twp, north of Chauncey but I was unable to find her first husband. And there are numerous other Nye's buried there as well.

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The Rainbow Cemetery list of headstones (<http://www.ohgen.net/ohwashin/rainbow.html>) has only the two Nyes: Nye, Ebenezer-- b 1750--d 1829- and his first wife Nye, Desire (*nee* Sawyer)- died Oct 1800. The original headstone is in poor condition but his final resting place has a new stone and a marker.

My investigation also revealed two younger brothers who were Patriots: Jonathan Nye was born at Tolland CT June 4, 1756. In June 1776 he enlisted in Captain Burgess' Company which served on Long Island and was engaged at the battle of White Plains, October 28, of that year. He married Diodema Haskell, and removed to Weatherfield, VT where he died in 1829.

The second brother should be very familiar to our compatriots in Marietta: Colonel Ichabod Nye born at Tolland CT December 21, 1763 and died in Marietta November 27, 1840. At the age of 15 on July 14, 1779 he enlisted in Colonel John Greaton's regiment, Captain Pritchard's company and served 9 months, and beginning August 1781, served for three months in Colonel Sear's regiment.

Remember that my initial quest was to determine if my Nye family would be related to the two Nye brothers who moved to Marietta taking land grants paying for their service in the Revolutionary War. Their father was George Nye, their grandfather John Nye, and their great-grandfather Caleb Nye. Recall that my Patriot Nye's were Captain Meletiah and his son David a musician (drums and fifes). Caleb was the grandfather of Meletiah Nye and great-grandfather to his two sons, John and Ebenezer (not the Rainbow Ebenezer). Meletiah's father was Ebenezer and the two Nye's who moved to Marietta after the Revolution then were his 1st cousins once removed. I now have a tree root in Athens and Washington Counties, Ohio.

SORRY BUT I HAD NO TIME TO PRODUCE A CROSSWORD PUZZLE THIS MONTH. I AM IN THE TWO MONTH PERIOD OF HEAVY TEACHING AT OHIO UNIVERSITY.