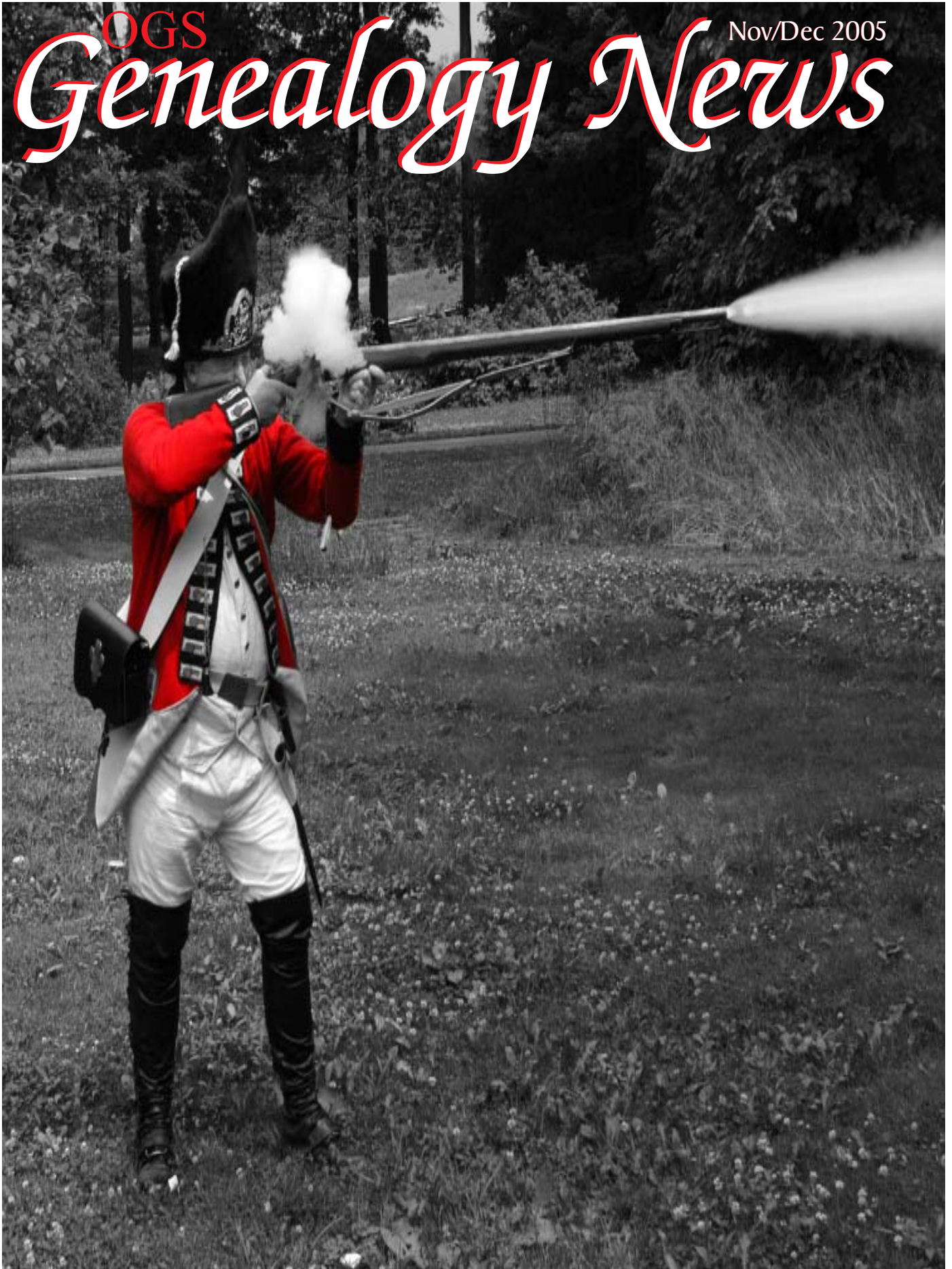


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Common Bonds

Discovering some of Ohio's other lineage societies

by Keith Kaufman

The Beard-Green Cemetery on the grounds of Dawes Arboretum near Newark contain the remains of six Revolutionary War soldiers, a major in the War of 1812, and the infant child of Col. John and Elizabeth Stadden, the first recorded pioneer birth in Licking Township.

Each of these remains appeals to a variety of groups: Sons, Daughters, and Children of the American Revolution; Sons and Daughters of the War of 1812; and genealogical and historical societies.

Thus, on a hot, muggy day, 16 July 2005, 75 men, women and children

gathered at Dawes Arboretum for the first annual Pal-Wow, organized by the Rufus Putnam Chapter, Ohio Sons of the American Revolution, to assemble groups who share a common goal, providing them greater exposure to the public — and to each other.

Planning a Pal-Wow

As president of the Rufus Putnam Chapter, OHSSAR, I began planning this gathering in February and by May had an impressive list of 16 speakers from various organizations willing to attend. Among those: Robert G. Parvin, president of the OHSSAR; Marcia

Seifert, state regent of the OHSDAR; Amanda Seely, president of the OHSCAR; Glen Cunningham, president of the Licking County Veterans Commission; Joy Padgett, Ohio senator; John Horner, National Society SAR; Marilyn Vaglia, state president of the National Colonial Dames of American; Dr. John Evans, past president of the Licking County Genealogical Society; Barbara Griffith, state president of the Ohio Society Daughters of 1812; and Rev. C. George Fry, president of the Ohio Society of the War of 1812.



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Miss Amanda Seely, president of the Ohio Society C.A.R.

Emphasizing Youth

Special attention was given to the CAR because their society needs additional members and I believe the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution could easily add to their membership rosters, as several of our members are not aware of CAR activities.

For example, Joe Prell, webmaster for the OHSSAR, along with his wife Beth, contacted Becky Miller, senior state president of the CAR, to obtain CAR memberships for their three children. Beth Prell even became interested in becoming a DAR member, underscoring the success of the Pal-Wow.

To aid attendees about CAR activities, Amanda Seely, CAR state president, spoke about her state project, which involved raising awareness and money to help restore an old historic mill, located in Fairfield County. In addition, Amanda said: "...being part of the group is helpful in many ways. We learn leadership, get comfortable with public speaking...and it looks good on college applications too."

Nola Rogers, president of the Licking County Genealogical Society, said it was important to get today's youth involved in patriotic groups. "It helps kids take pride in themselves. Many young people are drifting away, but patriotism builds pride." Currently, the CAR has an approximate membership

of 10,000, far short of the DAR with approximately 168,000 members and the SAR with 26,000.

Opening Ceremonies

The event started at 1 o'clock, with the OHSSAR Combined Color Guard, lead by John H. Franklin Jr. presenting the colors. The invocation was provided by Terry A. Whetstone, a 2005 Hub Scott recipient, and past president of the OHSSAR. The Hub Scott Award is presented at the OHSSAR annual meeting and is the highest honor the OHSSAR can bestow upon a member. The award was instituted in 1979 and the recipient keeps it until the next year's annual meeting. All of the living recipients come together to select the compatriot to receive it next year, with the current recipient as chairman.

Following the invocation, James H. Lochary, a past president of OHSSAR, recited the SAR Pledge, followed by Nancy Wright, a member of the Elizabeth Sherman Reese Chapter of OSDAR, reciting "The Americans Creed."

Besides the historical cemetery on the Dawes Arboretum grounds and its natural setting, another reason why the site was chosen for the Pal-Wow was that Beman Gates Dawes, original land owner, was a descendant of William Dawes, who came to America in 1635 from England. William rode into Ameri-



OHSSAR Combined Color Guard presenting the colors.



Left to right: Jenney Seely, president, Ohio Society Colonial Dames of the XVII Century; Anne Seidel, regent Granville Chapter, OHSDAR; Nancy Rea, regent Hetuck Chapter, OHSDAR; Marilyn Vaglia, state president, Colonial Dames of America; Keith H. Kaufman, president Rufus Putnam Chapter, OHSSAR; Marcia Seifert, state regent OHSDAR; Barbara Griffith, state president of the Ohio Society Daughters of 1812

can history with Paul Revere and Dr. Samuel Prescott on the night of 18 April 1775 to warn of the coming of the redcoats. Quipped one SAR member, "He (William) was just as important as Paul...but Paul was better at self-promotion."

Early Beginnings

The SAR was founded in 1889 and membership is open to any man who can prove their lineage to an ancestor

who supported the cause of American Independence during the years 1774-1783.

Harriett Lothrop, a prominent citizen and 19th century children's author of Concord, Mass., presented the idea for a children's organization to the DAR Continental Congress in 1895. The CAR is open to children, birth to age 21, who are descended from a person who directly aided in the cause of the American Revolution.

The DAR was founded in 1890 by four women whose common bond was the fact that each had fathers or grandfathers who were patriots of the American Revolution. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. DAR defines a "patriot" as one who provided service or direct assistance in achieving America's independence.

In her speech, Nancy Rey, a regent of the Hetuck Chapter, OHSDAR, reflected on the DAR and its importance: "Everyone present today can relate to each other in the field of history and all our wonderful ancestors who have built and kept our country free and thriving through the years. The DAR represents the beginning of this time in history by having our lineage traced back to patriots of the Revolutionary War. Without them, who knows where or what we would be now." Added Carol Montrose, a researcher and writer on Ohio history: "History means so much more to you when you know your ancestors played a part in it."

It should be noted there are 88 chapters of the DAR in Ohio, 21 SAR chapters, and 22, CAR chapters. In her speech, Rey provided a brief overview of her chapter, stating that the Hetuck Chapter was established in 1896 and currently has 102 members.

My own society, Rufus Putnam Chapter, was first organized in January 1895 by Bernard Van Horne Schultz of Zanesville. The chapter was named for Gene Putnam, an illustrious man in the early history of Zanesville, and important in the development of Ohio. He organized the Ohio Company in 1786 and was in charge of settlement of the territory northwest of the Ohio River in 1787. The chapter remained active until membership began declining in the 1960s and ceased its active function. The chapter was reactivated in 1987 through the efforts of Kenneth V. Kettlewell, a Presbyterian minister who served that same year as General of the National Society of SAR.

Colonial Dames

The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century was founded in 1915 by Mary Florence Taney. Admission into the society is by invitation only, to women 18 years or older who can provide documentary proof of an ancestor's service and residence prior to 1701 in one of the following categories is required:

1. Historic founder of Jamestown or of any of the original colonies
2. Member of the London, Plymouth or Virginia companies who came to the colonies to live.
3. Colonial Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Deputy Governor, or Colonial Officer.
4. Member of the House of Burgesses.
5. Member or delegate to the Council of the Assembly.
6. Deputy or representative to the General Court.
7. All civil and church officials and services.
8. Founder or trustee of any college or school.
9. Minister of the Gospel or Commissary of the Bishops of London.
10. Member of the Council of Safety of 1689.
11. Signer of the Mayflower Compact.
12. Member of the House of Delegates.
13. All professions, trades and crafts.
14. All military and naval services of the colonies.
15. Any who furnished funds or supplies.
16. Member of Provincial Congress.
17. Landowner, freeman or planter.
18. Headright, Transportee.



Beard-Green Cemetery on the grounds of Dawes Arboretum.

Genealogy is the key

The key of course to joining any patriotic or lineage group is genealogy. Individuals interested in membership must provide proper documentation as lineage groups, such as the DAR, have high standards of proof. Barbara Griffith spoke to the crowd on this topic, noting she gives a presentation to prospective members titled "Genealogy: How Not to Get a Migraine."

Besides a day of speeches, the event included period music, presented by David Taylor, Springfield, Ohio, and Tom Parkman, New Lexington, Ohio, a period costume competition, and a musket firing demonstration, by Jim Coffey, Cambridge, Ohio, who talked about the American Revolution from a British point of view. Coffey is a member of the Brigade of the American Revolution

and travels around the United States doing reenactments. Some of Jim's shots could be heard rumbling in the hills, and the fire and smoke was impressive!

The conclusion of the event was marked by a wreath-laying ceremony held at the cemetery headed by compatriots Robert G. Parvin, Tim Ward, Dr. Robert Bartholomew, and myself.

It was my pleasure to organize the first SAR/DAR/CAR Pal-Wow at the Dawes Arboretum. I would also like to recognize the help given by the Muskingum County Chapter, OHSDAR, in Zanesville, for handling registrations. Due to the success of the event, I plan on holding another Pal-Wow in 2006, inviting even more organizations to participate. **OGN**

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