The Society of the War of 1812

in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**Report of the 1812 Veterans’ Graves Database Committee**

**December 6, 2016**

* The Committee continues to grow the database. At our September meeting we reported that the database had 1,100 entries. Now, as of December the total number of entries stands at 2,008.
* During the last quarter the Committee visited 16 cemeteries in Montgomery, Chester, Lancaster, Bucks, and Philadelphia Counties. Some visits were planned, some were by random chance. All proved interesting and enlightening.
* Special Report from Old Pine Street Church Third Scots and Mariners Presbyterian Cemetery, Philadelphia.
	+ Special notice goes to Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church cemetery in Old City Philadelphia. The cemetery is extremely well maintained. Additionally, the church’s cemetery committee has conducted extensive historical research on those buried in the cemetery and have produced unique ground-planted historical plaques (made of heavy plastic) for nearly 50 of the graves. Also, the church has marked with flags and flagholders over 200 graves of Revolutionary War veterans.
	+ There are 3 1812 veteran graves that have been identified and that have these small historical markers. These graves have Revolutionary War flags and flagholders though.
	+ The church committee believes that there are more 1812 veterans buried in the cemetery and have provided us with a list of names for further research.
	+ The 3 identified 1812 veterans each achieved notable accomplishments; one was Captain of the First City Troop during the War of 1812; one was Quartermaster General of the U.S. Army for 33 years; and one was a state representative and senator, a U.S. Representative, and “founder” of the coastal lighthouse service. Should we have a future annual 1812 church service here, we can work up some short but interesting biographical text for the program or a separate pamphlet.
* The Committee has submitted photos and captions of several War of 1812 commemorative plaques from across Pennsylvania to the 1812 Webmaster for future posting. These include:
	+ Plaque at the entrance of the Soldiers and Sailors Hall and Memorial in Pittsburgh;
	+ Sun dial dedicated to the Pittsburgh Blues located at the entrance to the Stephen Foster Memorial on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh;
	+ Plaque mounted on a boulder in Kennett Square;
	+ Plaque on the cemetery wall of the Upper Burying Ground in Germantown Philadelphia;
	+ Plaque on the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial, Penn Square, downtown Lancaster;
	+ Plaque at Trinity Cemetery, downtown Pittsburgh.
	+ We look forward to adding more to this listing.

Respectfully submitted,

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