The Society of the War of 1812

in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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

**June 14, 2016**

* The Committee continues to grow the database and is grateful for the contributions of Past President Robert Marvin, Peter Hill, Jefferson Moak, and Rich Blair;
* The Committee has been in contact with Susan Leininger, Honorary State President, Ohio Society, U.S. Daughters of 1812; Recording Secretary National Society, U.S. Daughters of 1812, and her husband Eric who have been working on one of the best databases of 1812 veteran graves in the country. Over the last two decades they have built their database to include over 10,000 veteran graves. Susan and Eric have been very generous with their time and advice, providing technical database assistance as well as general guidance on how they have gone about adding veterans to their database. The Committee will be adopting some of their methods this summer;
* During conversations with President Leininger, the Committee learned of the existence of the U.S. Daughters of 1812 Library and Archives in Washington, D.C. The Committee plans to visit the Library and Archive this summer to explore what resources they have available to assist our project;
* Committee members met with Constance Taylor, President of the new Bucks County U.S. Daughters of 1812 chapter at the Private Nathan Brooke Grave Marker Dedication organized by Carolyn Jensen, and Ms. Taylor expressed interest in assisting with the project, as did Gene Hough of the “Saving Hallowed Ground Foundation” who was also in attendance;
* This summer’s initiatives include:
	+ Gathering comprehensive lists of cemeteries in Montgomery, Buck, and Berks Counties and determining which ones have 1812 veteran graves;
	+ Determining the best way to include photographs in our database;
	+ Exploring the 1812 veteran records on 3Fold.com to determine how they can contribute to our project;
	+ Visit the 1812 Library and Archive in Washington, D.C.;
	+ Make sure that we are collecting grave information from new members and applicants;
	+ Asking Board Members to gather cemetery information during their summer travels in Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

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