The Society of the War of 1812

in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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

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The Committee continues to grow the database, with nearly 300 additions since our last report in December. This quarter we completed entry of all the known Lehigh County veterans’ graves. Jefferson Moak provided a number of additions. We also continued the slow, but sure, progress with the Pennsylvania Veterans Burial Cards.

The quarter we also began to solicit some cost estimates for creating a page on the website that that would be linked to the database and permit searches like the Ohio Dames Society website.

Interesting Notes:

* The Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church Cemetery in Ardmore has a number of 1812 graves (a potential future church service site), including
* William Pechin, who was the publisher of the Baltimore newspaper that first printed the words of “The Star Spangled Banner,” he was also a veteran of the Battle of North Point during the Washington/Baltimore attack;
* Simon Snyder, 3rd Governor of Pennsylvania and Governor during the War of 1812.
* (Credit to Jefferson Moak for these additions.)
* While researching 1812 veterans’ graves in the Paoli cemetery, it was discovered that the monument to the American Revolutionary veterans killed in the Paoli Massacre is purported to be the first monument to American Revolutionary soldiers and that the original monument (since replaced) was placed there in 1817 by local veterans of the War of 1812. We’ll research this further.

Related research that we’re working on:

* Virtual Cemeteries (for War of 1812 veterans and Society of 1812 members) on Find-A-Grave.com (I’ve discovered someone who has created such for 1812 veterans from Erie and surrounding NW counties);
* Discovery of Interment.net website;
* Other genealogy researchers using the PA Archive Burial Card records for the War of 1812.

Volunteer opportunities:

* Find-a-grave look-ups for early entries to the database;
* Transcriptions of the PA Veterans Burial Cards.

Thanks to Jefferson Moak and Bob Marvin for their assistance this quarter.

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