The Society of the War of 1812

in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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

**September 6, 2016**

* The Committee continues to grow the database. At our last meeting we set a goal of 500 entries by the September meeting and the Committee is pleased to report that it surpassed this goal with 1,100 entries now in our database.
* We are extremely grateful for the work of Past President Robert Marvin who secured a very large list of 1812 veteran graves for York County. Approximately one fourth of this list has been entered into the database with more to be entered.
* This summer we reached out to the main historical societies for 62 of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties. So far 23 have responded with helpful information, either sending existing lists in their collections, or directing us to other potential sources. All have been interested and supportive of the project and have asked that we send them our list when it is more complete.
* The Committee has received information about four 1812 monuments/memorials to 1812 veterans and we’re following up to collect more information and photographs. One sundial 1812 memorial at the Stephen Foster Memorial on the University of Pittsburgh campus was found to be missing its gnomon.
* Areas of concentration this fall:
  + Visit the Berks and Lehigh County Historical Societies to copy their existing lists of 1812 veterans;
  + Follow up with those county historical societies that have not yet responded to our initial request;
  + Continue communications with the Daughters of 1812 Library and Archives in Washington, they believe that they have some Pennsylvania lists in their collection and also some detailed WPA lists that were created in the 1930s;
  + Follow up on recommendations that we reach out to several county Department of Veterans Affairs offices that regularly place flags on veterans’ graves;
  + Continue entering information into the database for approximately 400 1812 veteran listings that we have received from county historical societies;
  + Continue to organize the photos that accompany grave listings.

Respectfully submitted,

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