

Winter 2021

Message From the President



Dear Gentleman,
 This past November, I was elected your president for the South Carolina Society of the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution. As with most opportunities that have been given me in life, I feel that it is my duty to give one hundred percent and at the end of my term to be able to look back with pride over the accomplishments we have made together. I wanted to reach out and share my reasons for becoming a member of Sons of the Revolution as a way to help you get to know me better. Around ten years ago I made the conscious decision to seek out membership in various lineage societies. I did this for the following reasons: To honor my ancestors, to contribute my time and energy to a cause that I deemed worthy, and to do this while I was in my forties, hence having more years to participate and enjoy the fellowship of likeminded individuals. One of these societies, I felt would be most eager to receive me into their esteemed group, never failed to contact me or attempt to include me in any of the chapter activities I had associated myself with. For this reason, I decided to join Sons of the Revolution, and since joining I have been able to participate and feel welcomed.

For the coming year, my main goal is to increase our membership and I am proud to announce that in January alone we have welcomed two transfers and one new member. Currently, there are at least ten gentlemen in the Pee Dee region that are in the process of completing their membership application. The South Carolina Society is young and we must all strive to do our part to solidify its success and longevity. It is our collective responsibility to participate when allowable and to meet our individual obligation to submit your annual dues. I will be the very first to admit that sometimes I need multiple reminders and I am always very appreciative when someone goes out of their way to do so. Please take the time to send Mr. Ivan Bennett your 2021 SCSR dues. Ivan may be reached at ibennett@AOL.com.

The most important activity in any organization is participation. Showing others, the benefits of membership requires visibility for the organization. Promoting fellowship among old and new members and their interest in our shared history will make for a better society.

I look forward to meeting everyone in person once we have successfully weathered the storm of COVID and I wish you health and success in the new year.

I am,
 Your Obedient Servant,
 Jeffery D. Murrie

We offer Sons of the Revolution hats and shirts.

The hat price is \$20.

The shirt price is \$35.

For ordering, contact: Jeff Murrie,
 Cell 1.843.615.6899 jmurrie@fsd1.org



Order Form

Please submit your national number with the order

Item	Size	Quantity	
100% Cotton Navy Polo	Adult S-XXL		\$35 each
Insignia Decal	NA		\$5 each
Cotton Hat	NA		\$20 each
TOTAL			

Name _____

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 Florence, South Carolina 29501

A Brief Synopsis of the Founding of the SR

The founding of Sons of the Revolution was inspired by the example of the Society of the Cincinnati founded by General Washington's officers on May 13, 1783 to perpetuate the remembrance of the Revolutionary War and the friendships that were "formed under the pressure of common danger." Revolutionary army officers, or their eldest sons, were eligible for membership in the Society of the Cincinnati.

In the 1870s, the celebrations of the centennial of the Revolutionary War inspired nationwide interest in the founding of the United States. One of these inspired patriots was John Austin Stevens (1827-1910), whose grandfather was an original member of the Cincinnati. John A. Stevens was ineligible for the Cincinnati, since his father was not the eldest son. Stevens was not permitted to officially participate in the centennial celebrations at Philadelphia. He wrote the president-general of the Cincinnati to request extended membership but was denied. Steven's rejection from the Cincinnati based on his birth spurred him to investigate the feasibility of founding a like society that offered wider membership.

His immediate purpose of starting a new society was to have a group to take part in the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia. On December 18, 1875, at the library of the New-York Historical Society, Stevens met with Major Asa Bird Gardiner, Professor of Military Law at West Point to discuss his idea. On February 22, 1876, Stevens called an organization meeting to announce the formation of the Sons of the Revolution and invited persons interested in membership. The name was inspired by the example of the revolutionary group "Sons of Liberty." There were few responses to his initiative.

However, in 1883, the new organization was successfully established. On December 4th of that year Stevens hosted a dinner in the Long Room of Fraunces Tavern to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of Washington's farewell to his officers on December 4th, 1783. On this occasion forty guests signed the constitution of the Sons of the Revolution. Membership was open to all male descendants of officers, soldiers, and certain others who were in federal or state service during the Revolution.

By 1887, there were over 400 members. From this, grew the first organization founded by descendants of Revolutionary War heroes to honor the memory and sacrifices of those who fought and served.

Submitted by Vice President Matthew Breen



South Carolina Sons of the Revolution brave the winter elements to honor the February 3 1779 Battle of Port Royal Island



On February 3rd 2021 two members of the SCSR kept on the schedule of the 1779 Battle of Port Royal Island (aka Grays Hill) and offered the ceremony in a Wreath Laying. Many would not attend because of either Covid or the cold weather.

But two did pay homage to the actual date of the Battle on US21 Beaufort across the MCAS and next to the Harris Pillow Company. GSSR Regional VP Ivan Bennett and SCSR Regional VP and Color Guard Captain William Suggs met at 10:30 am accompanied by their wives. The sunny skies filled with MCAS F35 jets and temperatures 40 degrees and wind of 14 allowed Ivan and William to set up the wreath and colors. In a brief ceremony the story was repeated. Near the Old Halfway House in the vicinity of Grays Hill on this date in 1779, a force of SC Militia, Continentals, and Volunteers including men from Beaufort under General William Moultrie defeated the British in their attempt to capture Port Royal Island.

Two soldiers in the photos, buried at St Helena Parish Episcopal Church, in Beaufort, died in that battle (one American and one British). A total of 40 British were killed and 8 Patriots were killed.

The next Coastal event for SCSR will be the Annual Carolina Day in Charleston on June 28th. The weather will not be cold as this event was but very warm. We hope to see a large turnout.

Author: Ivan Bennett



Greenville Chapter

Donation Request Letter

Dr. Laurence Simpson, General President

The General Society of the Sons of the Revolution Dear Dr. Simpson,

As Current President of the Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution I am writing you this letter concerning an opportunity the Greenville Chapter is helping to promote.

Shortly after the organizing of the Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution our new chapter became aware of an opportunity to work with Southern Wesleyan University and the South Carolina Colonial Dames 17th Century on a joint project to install a granite stone memorial to the 25 to 30 Revolutionary War Veterans buried in a small cemetery named Pickens Chapel Cemetery.

A team was formed from all three organizations to begin the process of making this happen as follows:

1. The approval of this project by the owners of the Cemetery-Southern Wesleyan University. A letter of approval and permission to proceed was given by the University.
2. An investigation team was formed to include representatives from the University, the Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution, and the South Carolina Colonial Dames 17th Century. All decisions on this project were agreed to and approved by this team.
3. Investigation and selection of a local stone mason with good references and reputation was searched for. A vendor was selected and approved by the investigation committee. Working with the stonemason a design of the memorial construction was approved using local granite. The investigation committee also agreed to the memorial of around four feet high with a slanted wording space for the memorial words on the top of the memorial. A copy of the agreed to memorial wording is provided with this communication.
4. The price quoted for the manufacture, delivery and installation of this memorial is quoted at \$3200. So far we have received \$1350 with pledges of \$200 outstanding. The South Carolina Colonial Dames 17th Century has requested funding from their national organization. This has not yet been approved. We have agreed not to place the order for the memorial until fully funded.
5. As part of the project, the Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution will work with Southern Wesleyan University to participate in university conducted history classes which could result in increased membership applications. We believe that this effort to increase membership of the college aged youth is worthy of consideration of the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution for this project.

My best regards

Albert B Futrell, Greenville Chapter President

South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution

Donation Thank You Letter

Dear Dr. Simpson,

On behalf of the Pickens Chapel Memorial Monument team we wish to thank you for the approval of the \$700 donation to the Monument fund. This investment in this project is one that is appreciated by the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution, the Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution, the Col. John Robins Chapter Colonial Dames 17th Century of Pickens, the South Carolina Colonial Dames 17th Century and Southern Wesleyan University, Central, S.C..

Thank you again for your donation

My best regards,

Albert B. Futrell,

Greenville Chapter President

South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution

Proposed Layout

PICKENS CHAPEL CEMETERY PATRIOTS
OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF THOSE PATRIOTS BURIED HERE
WHO SERVED IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

THOSE WHO WON OUR INDEPENDENCE BELIEVED LIBERTY TO BE THE
SECRET OF HAPPINESS AND COURAGE TO BE THE SECRET OF LIBERTY
LOUIS D. BRANDEIS

OUR CAUSE IS NOBLE, IT IS THE CAUSE OF MANKIND
GEORGE WASHINGTON

SPONSORED BY:
SOUTH CAROLINA COLONIAL DAMES 17TH CENTURY
COL. JOHN ROBINS CHAPTER OF PICKENS
GENERAL SOCIETY REGION 3 SONS OF THE REVOLUTION
SOUTH CAROLINA SONS OF THE REVOLUTION GREENVILLE CHAPTER
SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, CENTRAL, S.C.

Our Members

My name is Alan Poore

I have been interested in joining the Sons of the Revolution since learning of the organization.

I currently live in Spartanburg County, SC and am a member in the Laurens District Chapter SC Genealogical Society and the SCV.

My great uncle was interested in genealogy and his papers were passed down to me. I have been interested in genealogy and service records of my family/ancestors all my life. I have been researching my family since I was in 8th grade, while growing up in Anderson, SC.

My uncles would come visit from Florida and California during summer breaks and visit the graves of ancestors who served in the military at various times and talk about their own service.

The ancestor I joined through was Asa Darby who served in Maryland under his father-in-law and later migrated to Chester SC: Served under Captain James Gore from April 27, 1781 -August 28, 1781, Militia Duty 1781 357 days, 6th Company, Upper Battalion, Maryland troops. This was my easiest ancestor to join through, since there was better documentation for my line back to his.

I have other ancestors with service records from the Revolutionary War period. One being John Parker who came from Ireland and lived/fought/ and is buried in Anderson County, SC at Ebenezer Methodist Church.

Transcribed pension link (original copy attached via SCDAAH) indicates my John Parker's service as follows...

On the 18th of November 1775 & under Captain John Irwine [sic, John Erwin] he marched to 96 [Ninety Six] and was in an engagement which continued for some time and after eight days service was disbursed by the Tories -- Reassembled under same officer commanded by General Williamson [then Major Andrew Williamson] in December and after a tour of six weeks called the Snow Camps having taken some prisoners and scoured the country about Saluda River were disbanded.

In July 1776 in Captain John Irwine's Company commanded by General Williamson marched against the Cherokee Indians was in the engagement in which Young Salvador [Francis Salvador]² was killed -- was in the Ring battle³ in which they were surrounded by the Indians and many killed and wounded and having been out 3 months was sent back to Ninety Six with the wounded.

July 1777 in Captain Irwine's Company commanded by Williamson marched in the Florida Expedition⁴ joined the Regular Forces and having staid there 8 days were marched back having served a tour of 3 months --

In February 1778 in Captain Irwine's commanded by Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens] with a number of horsemen marched to Beach Island and scoured that country and having served six weeks were disbanded -- In the Fall of same year under same officers served a tour of three months against the Cherokees in the direction of the standing Peach tree.

In May 1779 in Captain Norwood's [John Norwood's] Company of Rangers under the command of Colonel Jackson served a tour of six weeks on Long Cane [Creek] in South Carolina and a part of the time in Georgia skirmishing through the Country -- In 1780 under the command of Colonel Robert Anderson and Pickens marched to T Sawta [?] Town in the Cherokee Nation and served one month.

In January 1781 joined a company commanded by Captain Samuel Moore and was with him in active service scouring the Country -- Skirmishing with the Tories and occasionally attaching themselves to various commands in different parts of the Country and having served with him 10 months he was killed by William Cunningham when this applicant was commanded by Captain Robert Maxwell and having pursued Cunningham and the Tories to Bull Swamp they returned and were disbanded having served with him about 6 weeks.



Our Members



My name is Gary LeVan and I am a proud SCSR member in the Greenville SC Chapter of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution. I have always been interested in our American history and in particular, patriot involvement in the Revolutionary War.

I live in Alabama and tried to get involved here in Alabama with no success. I was directed to the South Carolina Society and was immediately helped and guided through the process. Ivan Bennett, Charles Swoop and Albert Futrell were instrumental in my membership.

I have a long history of military service and was extremely proud to learn of my maternal 5x Great Grandfather, Joseph Cunningham's patriot service.

He immigrated from Ireland and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He married there and moved to Rowan County, North Carolina. He served in the Salisbury District Militia, 1st Rowan County Regiment as a Captain. He has two known battles: Cherokee Expedition 1776 and Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina. He died in 1801 and buried in North Carolina. I am very proud of his service to our country. I am also very proud to be a member in the Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution. I feel very honored in my

membership and although I am not located locally there, I feel the closeness of the chapter and its comradery and patriotism of its members.



Jeff Murrie

Jeff learned from an early age the importance of history thanks to both his maternal and paternal grandparents who were constantly making certain he would appreciate the past. He can trace his pre-Revolutionary ancestors back to Marion County, South Carolina, Caswell County, North Carolina, and New Kent County, Virginia. While spending his early years living in Williamsburg, Virginia the foundation grew to support his love of American history. He attended Francis Marion University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He is currently the Farm to School Coordinator for Florence One Schools. In addition to being a member of the Sons of the Revolution, Jeff is a member of The Huguenot Society of South Carolina as well as other historical organizations.

Jeff lives in Florence and enjoys traveling to the mountains of North Carolina, working on his small cottage farm in his free time, and genealogy.



Matthew Breen

Matthew is a 14th generation Charlestonian on his mother's side. He attended The Citadel and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. After The Citadel, he attended the Charleston School of Law where he graduated with Honors. Matthew practices law in Myrtle Beach and Charleston and is the Managing Partner of Lowcountry Law, LLC. The firm specializes in Personal Injury, Civil Litigation, and Bankruptcy practice.

Besides the Sons of the Revolution, Matthew is involved in a number of other groups that honor the memory of the American Revolution including The Society of the Cincinnati, and the American Revolution Institute.

Spring 2021 SCSR Membership Meeting

Following the Mid State Sons of the Revolution Event at Fort Granby Wreath Laying Streamer Presentation Ceremony Saturday May 15th in Cayce, South Carolina

Meeting Minutes November 14, Camden, SC

Call to order

A meeting of SC Society of the Sons of Revolution was held in Camden SC on November 14, 2020 at 1:00 pm following a social luncheon at 11:30 am.

Business Meeting Attendees: Ivan Bennett, Tom Weidner, Chuck Swoope, William Suggs, Stephen Swoope, Jeff Murrie, Matthew Breen and George Summers

Special Recognition of two Jr. Patriots: William and Benjamin Suggs

-Invocation by Tom Weidner

Approval of July 25th Minutes

Reports

President Message, "Successful 2020 within a Pandemic" Several events were hosted and attended by the members of the society throughout the year, safely following state guidelines.

- Facebook and Website continues to grow with frequent updates
<https://www.facebook.com/SRSC1776/>
<https://www.srsc1776.org/>

Vice President Report – Tom provided the current shortfall in funding of the Pickens Project and pending question on final ownership of the approved monument

Treasure Report reviewed by Ivan Account-Balance \$345.14 SCSR

- Greenville Chapter; ROTC Account; Hudson Account
- 2021 Dues of \$60 to be distributed

Membership Report reviewed by Chuck-39 Active (11/14/2020)

- Three Approved Members in 2020 including addition of two junior members
- Inquiry by Gary King
- 8 prospects from Florence as new entry members raised by Jeff

Regional VP Report – Ivan discussed annual meeting success and reviewed organization activities

- Certificates and Rosettes presented along with supplemental Star lapel pin

Greenville Chapter to meet Tuesdays 6pm

- Greenville Chapter By-Laws distributed and reviewed by Matthew Breen

Business Agenda

Newsletter presented with feedback on success of publication by Ivan
Added Merchandising car decal for \$10 discussion around online ordering options

Diversity committee presented directory of African Americans from South Carolina

- Attached Directory

Midlands Symposium overview presented by George Summers

Motion

2021 Chapter, Region and State host guidelines proposed and approved by officers

New Business

Presentation of new state wreath by Jeff Murrie

2021 Schedule of Events discussed for state, regions and chapters including social outing for members

- Attached Exhibit of calendar events

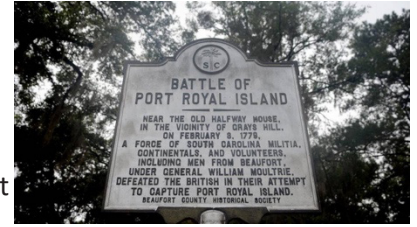
Proposed 2021 State Handbook purpose and content to be reviewed committee; Ivan, Matthew and Jeff

Proposed website updates to include pictures and payment options to improve membership

prospectus, suggestions to be provided and reviewed by Ivan, Samuel(Web administrator) and Matthew

SCSR Coastal Region 2021 Events

February 3
(Wednesday)
Battle of Port
Royal Island
Beaufort: SC
Battlefield
Preservation Trust
Liberty Trail



June 28 (Monday) Carolina Day
Charleston: SCSR and GASOR

TBA
Florence: SCSR and Greenville
Chapter Social



July 4 (circa)
Pilgrimage to Thomas Heyward
Jr. Grave
Ridgeland: Joint SCSR, SAR, DAR, CAR
Ridgeland: Social Lunch @ Dukes
BBQ



August 4 (Wednesday) Execution
of Issac Hayne Grave Site
Colleton County State Park
Jacksonboro: Social Lunch @ Ace
Basin Seafood Restaurant

September 3-4 (Friday-Saturday)
Battle Of Eutaw Springs
A SCSSAR Event



December 20 (Saturday)
Wreaths Across America
Hilton Head Island: Zion
Chapel Cemetery (4 Rev
War Militia)
Coastal OR:

Pickens Chapel
Cemetery (25 Rev War
Militia)
Greenville Chapter
N B

Sumter at Fort Granby
2/19-21

Cayce, SC

Francis Marion at Fort Fair lawn Date?
Monks Corner, SC



Installation of 2021 State Officers

Announcements

2020 SCSR December 19th event "Wreaths across America" hosted by Southern Wesleyan University at Pickens Chapel

Adjournment

Pictures and Tour of Camden Archives and Museum – Camden, South Carolina