

Zane's Trace

News of the

Ebenezer Zane Chapter, Ohio Society, Sons of the American Revolution

November 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

Before December 1, 2022	2023 Membership Dues Payment	Don't wait, do it now!
February 11, 2023	Election of Officers	St. Clairsville American Legion 100 Legion Road St Clairsville, OH 43950
April 22, 2023	Ft. Steuben	120 South 3 rd Street Steubenville, OH 43952
June 3-4, 2023 (Tentative)	Fort Steuben Frontier Days	Steubenville, OH
June 17, 2023	Joint DAR/SAR meeting	Theo's Restaurant 632 Wheeling Ave. Cambridge, OH 43725
July TBD, 2023	Fort Laurens	Laurens Road NW Bolivar, OH 44612
August 12, 2023	Awards Presentation	Guernsey County Public Library 63500 Byesville Road Cambridge, OH 43725
August, TBD 2023	Fort Steuben Frontier Days	Fort Steuben 120 South 3 rd Street Steubenville, OH 43952
August 2,3, 2023	Fort Henry Days	Site 1, Oglebay Park Wheeling, WV 26003
November 18, 2023	BOM meeting	Hutton Memorial Library 308 East Main Street Barnesville, OH 43713

Current Officers of Ebenezer Zane Chapter, OHSSAR

Bob Tomlinson, President

Jeff Turner, 1st Vice President

Larry Perkins, Secretary

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Bob Tomlinson, Treasurer/Registrar

Chris Forshey, Master at Arms/Genealogist

Paul Mitchell, Historian

Zachary Cooper, Chaplain

Past 2022 Events for the Chapter

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>MEETING OR EVENT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
June 18 th	Joint SAR/DAR meeting	Mr. Lee's Restaurant Cambridge, Ohio 43725
July 23 rd -25 th	Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH
August 13 th	SAR Meeting	Cambridge, OH
September 3 rd & 4 th	Fort Henry Days	Oglebay Park

Regarding the highlights of this past year:

Our joint DAR/SAR meeting at Mr. Lee's Restaurant was well attended and Compatriot Rick Booth provided with a interesting program concerning land grants in Ohio and the absence of the corresponding graves one might expect. Many thanks go to Rick for his informative program. We hope to have Rick present another program sometime in 2023.

Our Chapter was represented at the Fort Lauren's Memorial Service

Our presence Fort Steuben Frontier Days and Fort Henry Days continues to be fruitful. There was considerable interest in our upcoming projects. Also many men inquired about membership. To those that manned our tables at both events I offer my thanks. If you haven't joined us before it is a great way to meet other members and you also get free admission to the event (when there is admission charges.)

At our meetings we continue to work on our ongoing projects: New Cemetery marking, reestablishing our Website, placing Patriotic books in School Libraries

At our First meeting in February we presented our awards to first responders and for good citizenship. We elected officers, after a last minute (and I do mean last minute) change to the nominating committees slate of officers. That is when I agreed to become president/treasurer for 2022. One of my first acts was to appoint a financial audit committee.

For our second meeting in April we started with our first ever audit committee meeting. The financial record were audited for the first time and found to be in order. We presented our new bylaws and constitution for final changes, corrections and editions.

At our June meeting, in addition to what I already reported, the final draft of our new constitution was presented, we voted unanimously to accept the document and retire the original bylaws.

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I missed the August meeting, due to a death in the family, so I have no specific information to report. I did hear that someone is interested in being nominated for the Treasurer's office. It was also reported to me that some progress has been made regarding our cemetery marking project.

November 12th at 10:00 AM at the Barnesville Library, Board of Management meeting. See next article.

Board of Management meeting Highlights

After many months we took great pleasure in inducting compatriot Bob Beebout. Welcome!!

Besides the 2023 years events listed at the beginning of the newsletter, we nominated officers for the coming year.

They are:

President: Bob Tomlinson
Vice President: Jeffrey Turner
Secretary: Larry Perkins
Treasurer/Registrar: Paul Mitchell
Master at Arms/Genealogist: Chris Forshey,
Historian: Paul Mitchell ,
Chaplain: Zachary Cooper

In addition to the above nominations, we will accept any additional nominations from the floor at our February Meeting. When nominations are closed we will then elect and install the officers for 2023.

In other business, we approved a budget for 2023, made a motion to purchase books for our "Patriotic Books in Schools" project, determined a path to reestablish our website and proceed with our cemetery marker program.

Obituary & Tributes

Norris Fleming Whittaker, Sr.
February 2, 1930 ~ May 25, 2022 (age 92)

Norris Fleming Whittaker Sr., 92 years of age, of Woodsfield Ohio, passed away on May 25, 2022. Norris passed away quietly in his sleep into the arms of his Lord and Savior.

Norris was born on February 2, 1930 to the late Alexander Beard Whittaker and Lura Adelaide Norris in Clarksburg, Harrison County, WV. He is also preceded in death by two half brothers Alexander Beard Whittaker III (Alec) and Richard Edward Whittaker (Sarah Christine Hoffer) and his half sister Mary Louise Whittaker Helbling (Homer).

After graduating from Woodsfield High School in 1948, he went on to study at Ohio University and Chaffey Junior College at Ontario, CA. In December 1950, he enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard with active duty during the Korean War, from Nov 1, 1951 through Oct 20, 1952. He was relieved of duty with an honorable discharge with rank of Private First Class.

Later he began his working career as a locomotive fireman for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co.. Then, he and his wife, Gloria, built the Pioneer Motel in 1959 and sold it in 1971. His last employment was with the North American Coal Co. where he was a cutting machine operator.

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Norris was also a passionate genealogist and could often be found studying and researching when he wasn't at home. He assisted with documentation of the Pioneer Cemetery, along with other small cemeteries around Monroe County. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion along with being a lifetime member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

In 1945 he met Gloria Marie McKelvey and they wed in 1952, and went on to have four children: Norris F. Whittaker Jr., Carlene L. Whittaker Hess, Warren A. Whittaker, and stillborn daughter Whittaker. He is survived by his 3 children along with his grandchildren: James M. Hess (Jennifer), Lura K. Zornes (Nathan), Andrew E. Whittaker (Maggie), Dylan A. Whittaker, and Raven W Hamilton. His great-grandchildren include: Kaleigh J. Hess, Zachary J. Hess, Lindsey M. Whittaker, Mason A. Whittaker, and Oliver R. Haines. He also has several nieces and nephews along with great nieces and nephews, and his sweetheart of over 20 years, Dorris Weddle.

Norris was a force of nature, determined to provide for his family and give them the life he felt they deserved. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world, and was something he often mentioned. He was unendingly proud of his family and always tried his best to support them.

There will be a private graveside service at the discretion of the family.

Arrangements by Bauer-Turner Funeral Home Woodsfield, Ohio.

Miracles in American History by Susie Federer

I'll be including articles (with permission) from the book "*Miracles in American History*" by Susie Federer. We tend to throw the word "Providence" around when talking about certain events in American History, but what does it really mean?

Webster's 1828 *Dictionary* definition of *PROVIDENCE*:

"The care and superintendence which God exercises over his creatures ... The same power which caused a thing to exist is necessary to continue its existence ... A general providence consists of particulars ... By divine providence is often understood God himself."

I'm hoping these articles will enlighten us as to how much God's hand has directed the course of this blessed nation's history.

"The Hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this - the course of the war - that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith."... General George Washington, August 20, 1778
Bob Tomlinson

THE BOSTON TEA PARTY, HARBOR BLOCKED & JEFFERSON'S "FASTING" RESOLUTION

The French and Indian War ended in 1763 with the French losing Canada and all their land east of the Mississippi River. King George III decided to tax the colonies to pay for their defense in case of future French incursions or native uprisings. British troops were funded by the Sugar Tax of 1764, Stamp Tax of 1765 and Townshend Acts of 1767, taxing glass, paint and paper. As the Colonies had no representative in Parliament, the cry arose, "No taxation without representation." The King imposed Writs of Assistance in

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1765 allowing British authorities to arrest anybody, anytime, anywhere on any suspicion, and to detain them indefinitely. Citizens' houses, property and farms could be taken without a warrant or due process.

As there were no barracks, British troops forcibly lodged or "quartered" in citizens' homes, leaving families to live in barns, basements or attics. On March 5, 1770, a mob formed in Boston to protest, and in the confusion British troops fired into the crowd, killing five, one of which was the African American patriot, Crispus Attucks. This became known as the Boston Massacre.

In 1773, the British passed the Tea Act, in which the King showed favoritism by allowing the East India Tea Company to sell a half million pounds of tea in the Colonies with no taxes, giving them a monopoly by underselling American merchants,

On December 16, 1773, Sam Adams led some citizens of Boston, called Sons of Liberty, to disguise themselves as Mohawk Indians and raid the British ships at Griffin's Wharf, throwing 342 chests of British East India Company tea into Boston's harbor. This became known as the Boston Tea Party.

The King responded with the Boston Port Act, punishing the colonists by blockading Boston's harbor on June 1, 1774. In the neighboring colony of Virginia, Thomas Jefferson drafted a Day of Fasting to be observed the same day. It was introduced into the Virginia House of Burgesses by Robert Carter Nicholas with the support of Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee, and George Mason, and passed unanimously::

This House, being deeply impressed with apprehension of the great dangers, to be derived to British America from the hostile invasion of the city of Boston, in our sister Colony of Massachusetts... deem it highly necessary that the said first day of June be set apart, by the members of this House as a Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, devoutly to implore the Divine interposition, for averting the heavy calamity which threatens destruction to our civil rights ...

Ordered, therefore that the Members of this House do attend ... with the Speaker, and the mace, to the Church in this City, for the purposes aforesaid; and that the Reverend Mr. Price be appointed to read prayers, and the Reverend Mr. Gwatkin, to preach a sermon.

George Washington wrote in his diary, June 1,1774:

"Went to church, fasted all day."

Outstanding Dues Payments

We still have 11 active members outstanding in there payment of 2023 annual dues. Please remit your dues. Final Notice letters are going out today. Should your membership lapse we have to go through a cumbersome reinstatement process involve a background check and your will be required to write three separate check to the National and State Societies and to the chapter. This can all be avoided if you pay before your membership lapses.