



General David Humphreys Branch No. 1 Sons of the American Revolution

New Haven, Connecticut Founded
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Presents a Grave Marking Ceremony

Honoring 54 Revolutionary Patriots

358 Derby Ave (CT-115) Derby, Ct
Across from Academy Hill

Saturday October 17, 2020
10:00 A.M.



REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS COLONIAL CEMETERY, DERBY CONNECTICUT

BALDWIN, REUBEN	FRENCH, NATHANIEL	JOHNSON, DAVID, JR.
BALDWIN, SILAS, DR.	FRENCH, NOAH	JOHNSON, NATHANIEL, CAPTAIN
BALDWIN, THADDEUS, ENSIGN	GIBBS, EDWARD, CAPTAIN	JOHNSON, SAMUEL
BALDWIN, TIMOTHY	HARGER, JEDEDIAH	PICKETT, JOSEPH
BASSETT, AMOS, DEACON	HAWKINS, SAMUEL	PIERSON, NATHAN, CAPTAIN
BASSETT, BENJAMIN	HAWKINS, ZADOCK	POPE, JACOB M. 2ND LIEUTENANT
BASSETT, DAVID	HITCHCOCK, DAVID	RIGGS, JOSEPH, JR., LIEUTENANT
BASSETT, JOHN GLOVER	HITCHCOCK, JONATHAN	RIGGS, JOSEPH, SR.
BRADLEY, ENOS	HOLBROOK, DANIEL 2ND, CAPTAIN	SHERWOOD, SAMUEL
CANFIELD, JOSIAH, DR.	HORSEY, THOMAS, CAPTAIN	SMITH, ABRAHAM, LIEUTENANT
CLARK, EDMOUND	HOTCHKISS, ELIPHALET	SMITH, ABRAM, JR.
COE, JOHN	HOTCHKISS, LEVERETT	SMITH, ISAAC
CRAFTS, EDWARD, DR.	HOTCHKISS, LEVI, LIEUTENANT	SMITH, JOSIAH
DAVIS, JOHN, ESQ.	HOTCHKISS, MOSES, CORPORAL	SMITH, NATHAN, MAJOR
DEFORREST, DAVID	HULL, JOSEPH, 3RD	SWIFT, CHIPMAN, CAPTAIN
ELLS, JOSEPH	HUMPHREY, ELIJAH, MAJOR	TOMLINSON, DANIEL
FRENCH, CHARLES	HUMPHREYS, DANIEL, REVEREND	TOMLINSON, JOHN
FRENCH, FRANCIS	HUMPHREYS, JOHN, SERGEANT	TUCKER, REUBEN

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Program

Posting of the Colors	The Connecticut Line / Living History Unit
Invocation	Humphreys Branch Chaplain Richard Kendall
Pledge of Allegiance	Humphreys Branch Gregory Thompson
SAR Pledge	Humphreys Branch Dr. Richard Forselius
Opening Remarks	Ethan Stewart, Sr. Branch President
Greetings from the SAR	President General of the Sons of the American Revolution John T. "Jack" Manning
Proclamation	Mayor of Derby Richard Dziekan
History of Colonial Cemetery	Dan Bosque Executive Director of the Derby Historical Society
Greetings from the DAR	Connecticut State Regent Christy Hendrie
Dedication of Plaque	President Ethan Stewart & Humphreys members
Reading of 54 Names	Steven Chapman - Branch Historian, Chris Bandecchi - Branch Vice President Tim Wilkins - Past Branch President
Five Patriot Biographies	Steven Chapman - Branch Historian
Songs	Tom Callinan - Honorary Branch Member
Musket Salute	The Connecticut Line / Living History Unit
Taps	Tom Callinan - Honorary Branch Member
Benediction	Humphreys Branch Chaplain Richard Kendall
SAR Recessional	Humphreys Branch Eric Paul

Pledge to the SAR

We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

Welcome by General David Humphreys Branch President Ethan Stewart, Sr.

Welcome and thank you for attending. We are gathered here today to have a grave marking ceremony to honor the 54 Patriots buried here from the Revolutionary War. This cemetery is reputedly to be the oldest public cemetery in America. The oldest stone remaining is the Rev, John Bowers June 14, 1687. There is also a period of 241 years between the first and last stone placed in the cemetery. This cemetery was picked by Steven Chapman the Historian of the Humphreys Branch because our name sake's father the Rev. Daniel Humphreys is buried here.

Speech by Derby Historical Society Executive Director, Daniel L. Bosques

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Derby Historical Society, I thank you for gathering here to honor these Patriots. Our forebears thought it necessary to memorialize the Olde Uptown Burial Ground and honor the dead buried beneath this earth. Over time, they placed markers, signs, and plaques that have now become the milestones of their efforts as well. In this spirit of Patriotism and humble recognition of *our* place in history, we are privileged to witness this monumental occasion. Creating and dedicating this listing of Patriots took effort - thank you to the General David Humphreys Branch SAR for making this vision come true. In another 240 + years, may *our* legacy be that we kept the fire and spirit of Patriotism by placing this historic marker. Let Freedom Ring.

The Reading of the Names of the Fifty-Four Patriots

List of Patriots		
Baldwin, Reuben	French, Nathaniel	Johnson, David, Jr.
Baldwin, Silas, Dr.	French, Noah	Johnson, Nathaniel, Capt
Baldwin, Thaddeus, Ens.	Gibbs, Edward, Captain	Johnson, Samuel
Baldwin, Timothy	Harger, Jedediah	Pickett, Joseph
Bassett, Amos, Deacon	Hawkins, Samuel	Pierson, Nathan, Captain
Bassett, Benjamin	Hawkins, Zadock	Pope, Jacob M.2nd Lieut.
Bassett, David	Hitchcock, David	Riggs, Joseph, Jr., Lieut.
Bassett, John Glover	Hitchcock, Jonathan	Riggs, Joseph. Sr.
Bradley, Enos	Holbrook, Daniel, Jr, Capt	Sherwood, Samuel
Canfield, Josiah, Dr.	Horse, Thomas, Captain	Smith, Abraham, Lieut.
Clark, Edmund	Hotchkiss, Eliphalet	Smith, Abram, Jr.
Coe, John	Hotchkiss, Leverett	Smith, Isaac
Crafts, Edward, Dr.	Hotchkiss, Levi, Lieut.	Smith, Josiah
Davis, John, Esq	Hotchkiss, Moses, Corp.	Smith, Nathan, Major
Deforest, David	Hull, Joseph, 3rd	Swift, Chipman, Captain
Ells, Joseph	Humphrey, Elijah, Major	Tomlinson, Daniel
French, Charles	Humphreys, Daniel, Rev.	Tomlinson, John
French, Francis	Humphreys, John, Sgt.	Tucker, Reuben

Biography of Five Patriots being honored Today

1. Captain Daniel Holbrook 2nd, he was the son of Daniel & Elizabeth Riggs and was born on 21 Sep 1747 in Derby and died 24 Apr 1813 in Derby. He married Anna Hitchcock and had 10 children. Daniel was at the Lexington Alarm and the Invasion of New Haven in 1779. He served under Major Nathan Smith 2nd Militia Regt from Derby. Daniel also served in Civil Service being on committees of inspection & procures soldiers clothing. From the history in 1794 he was called Col. And put on a committee to view the circumstances in regard to a turnpike in Oxford. Daniel was an energetic prosperous farmer and a man of wealth & extensive influence. SAR # P183198, DAR # A056642
2. Dr. Silas Baldwin, he was the son of James & Deborah Porter born on 04 Apr 1729 in Derby and died 19 Nov 1813 in Ridgefield. He married Mary Plumb on 12 Feb 1755 in Ridgefield and had 9 children. Silas served under Col. William Douglas, Wadsworth's Brigade. In 1760 then of Ridgefield he was guardian to his brother Jesse. By the will of his father in 1760 he was given land in Newark and in the Susquehanna Purchase. SAR # P107776, DAR # A005344

3. Zadock Hawkins, son of Eleazer & Damaris Wooster and was born on 1733 in Derby and died 20 Oct 1777 in service. Zadock married Lydia Wilmot in 1754 in Derby and had 5 children. He served in the French & Indian war and later in the Revolution under Capt. E. Smith & Capt. David Humphreys 6th Regt. SAR # 329888, DAR # A053570

4. John Coe is the son of Capt. Ebenezer & Mary Blackman. Capt. Ebenezer was wounded in the burning of Danbury, which he lost his right eye and part of his ear. John was born on 18 Sep 1729 in Stratford and died 20 Dec 1783 in Derby and married Hannah Chatfield and had 6 children. John served on a committee of inspection & committee to procure soldiers clothing & to take care of soldier families. He was also a member of the Congregational Church. SAR # P135691, DAR # A023764

5. Jonathan Hitchcock he was the son of Ebenezer & Anna Perkins. He was born 12 Jan 1724 in Derby & died 11 Jan 1808 in Derby. He married Abigail Beecher 1747 in Derby and they had 9 children. He served under Capt. Daniel Holbrook's Co during the Alarm of Fairfield 1779; Jonathan also signed a Oath of Fidelity and was on a committee to procure soldiers clothing. SAR # P183198, DAR # A056642

David Humphreys' Legacy

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In Derby, on the Housatonic, seventeen-hundred-fifty-two,
David Humphreys' course was charted; what he was born to do.
His youth was spent devouring books, and at fifteen he left for Yale,
As had his dad and brother; but he blazed a different trail.

He went on to teach and tutor, and his master's degree;
And in '76 enlisted in the Continental Army.
After Tryon's raid on Danbury, and Sag Harbor in New York,
He handed General Washington the battlefield report.

***REFRAIN: Seven years of service in the fight against the Crown,
From adjutant to colonel, with distinction and renown.
And when Connecticut joined the SAR in 1891,
David Humphreys was the namesake of Branch #1.***

After victory at Yorktown, Humphreys brought the Union Jack
To Independence Hall, with the command report on the attack.
And when Washington met with Congress to resign his commission,
Humphreys stood behind him, awaiting his next mission.

For "The Father Of Our Country", Humphreys left for foreign shores,
To represent the U.S.A.; its first ambassador.
In Portugal, and later Spain, where he proudly served our land,
Returning to his Derby farm with Merino sheep in-hand.

REFRAIN

The sheep that shaped New England are David Humphreys' legacy,
Where many of the low, stonewalls still stand for us to see.
They're remnants of the pasturelands for those Merino sheep,
Which transformed commerce and the land with their golden fleece.

A soldier, poet, diplomat, and industrial pioneer,
He's known as the United States' first sonneteer.
His birthplace is still standing, but the town has changed its name;
It houses Derby's history, and Humphreys' claim to fame.

REFRAIN

Some Gave All – All Gave Some

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They raised their hands and solemnly swore,

Some gave all, all gave some.

To protect our nation in peace and war,

Some gave all, all gave some.

REFRAIN: Mothers, fathers, daughters, sons,

All marching toward the setting sun,

And we might not see 'em 'til Kingdom Come.

Some gave all, all gave some.

They trained to fight so we'd be free ... *Some gave all, all gave some.*

Their lives on the line for democracy ... *Some gave all, all gave some.*

REFRAIN

They lived in filth, they slept in mire ... *Some gave all, all gave some.*

Everyone huddled around the fire ... *Some gave all, all gave some.*

REFRAIN

Some were captured, some escaped ... *Some gave all, all gave some.*

They all ended up at The Pearly Gates ... *Some gave all, all gave some.*

REFRAIN

From the war-weary vet to the raw recruit ... *Some gave all, all gave some.*

At their graves, they deserve a rifle salute ... *Some gave all, all gave some.*

REFRAIN

Musket Salute

The Connecticut Line

Taps

Tom Callinan - Honorary Branch Member

Benediction

Humphreys Branch Chaplain Richard Kendall

SAR Recessional

SAR recessional: "Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men."

Reception at Gen. Humphreys House Museum

Please join us for a short reception at the back yard of the General David Humphreys House Museum, located at 37 Elm Street in Ansonia.

Directions to the House from the Old Uptown Burial Ground:

Leaving the cemetery, turn left (north) onto Division Street. At the very first (and only) traffic light, turn right onto Elm Street. The General David Humphreys House will be on your right-hand side approximately a 10th of a mile up. There is parking in the rear of the House, across the street, or nearby side-street.

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