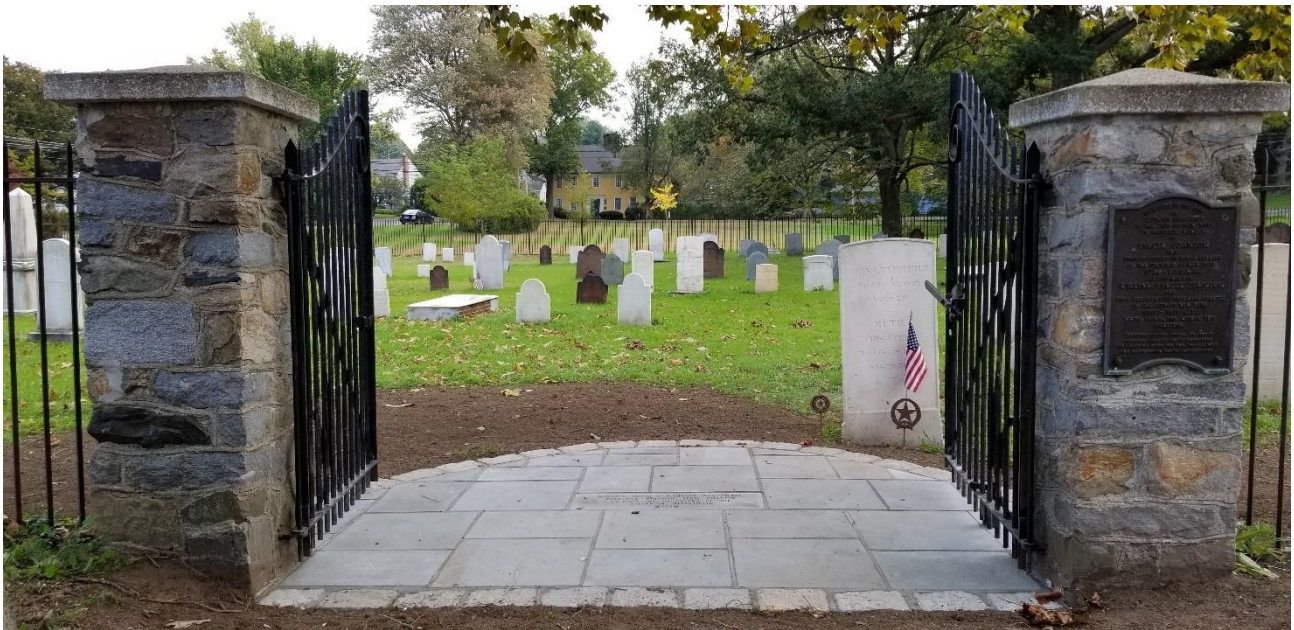


General David Humphreys Branch #1
and the
Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter
Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution



Presents a Ceremony for the completion of the
restoration of the Cemetery & Grave Marking

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery
Corner of Broad Street & Monument Lane
Stratford, Connecticut

Saturday November 10, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Program

Posting of the colors	The Connecticut Line/Living History
Invocation	William Lane
Pledge of Allegiance	Bob Donahue
Pledge to the SAR	Greg Thompson
American Creed	Barbara Stewart
Welcome and update of work at the cemetery. . .	Ethan & Barbara Stewart
Reading of the 5 Patriot Names	Ethan A. Stewart, Sr.
Musket Salute	The Connecticut Line/Living History
Benediction	William Lane
SAR Recessional	Chris Bandecchi

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.

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principals of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

Welcome and Cemetery Update by Ethan & Barbara Stewart

Welcome and thank you for attending. I want to say that I am extremely proud to be here today at this historical cemetery.

- Talk about new patriot & how we found him. Medal detector, received a new list of people buried in the cemetery from a book written by Rev. Samuel Orcutt 1886 and most of the Patriots were by the DAR in 1930.
- General David Wooster was born in Stratford. His father # H-15 Captain Abraham Wooster is buried here along with his oldest brother Colonel Joseph Wooster # G-12 and his wife Lucy. Both fought in the Colonial Wars.
- According to the churches original records there are 37 people buried here without a tomb stone.
- William Samuel Johnson – Signer of our United States Constitution is buried in the Johnson Vault.
- Tried to place foot stones to their rightful place. Some of the stones that sank in the ground over time, when we pulled them out we found more inscription on them and other grave stones.

2 stones were laying in the wrong place behind other, one was Everett Sniffen we put him between his grandparents (Everett & Mary Birdsey), Alfred Roosevelt we put between John & Ann Roosevelt.

We made several bases & then cut the end of the grave stone straight to place in the base to stand upright again.

Mary Porter's stone was found lying against a tree (the stone was broken). We found her base, repaired it and she is where she was originally buried.

Had SAR Markers made for all 19 Patriots.

In June, we gave a tour of the cemetery to Grave Stone Society of New England who came by bus to see the cemetery and the work that was done.

Finished cleaning all the stones and repaired the fence.

We were asked by the Principal to give a tour of the cemetery to St. James School students 5-8th Grade and a slide presentation which we are working on.

- Help from local businesses, a tree was taken down, stones made and the moving stones. Landscaping around the new entrance. A new grave stone was made for our newest Patriot Daniel Jackson (his stone was missing). Also, Carl Selvage, Jr. from Carl's Monuments made and donated Daniel Jackson's grave stone and the stone in the entranceway with our Societies names with the date. By the Yard – Riggs for the installing the entrance way, removing of a tree and land scaping.
- It has been very satisfying to see the transformation of this Historical Cemetery

Patriots of Honor for Today's Ceremony

19. Daniel Jackson Born 1763, Died 25-Aug-1841 at 78 years old. He enlisted 3 times spring of 1778 for 1-year under Captain Yates, again in the spring of 1779 for 9 months under Capt. David Olmsted and finally February of 1782 to the close of the war under Capt. Joseph Walker. (who is also buried here) Daniel was in the 2nd Co. 3rd Regt Conn. Line. He applied for a pension on April 2, 1818 at the age of 55. Daniel also owned 1/48 of Fisher's Island and he was a Cooper.

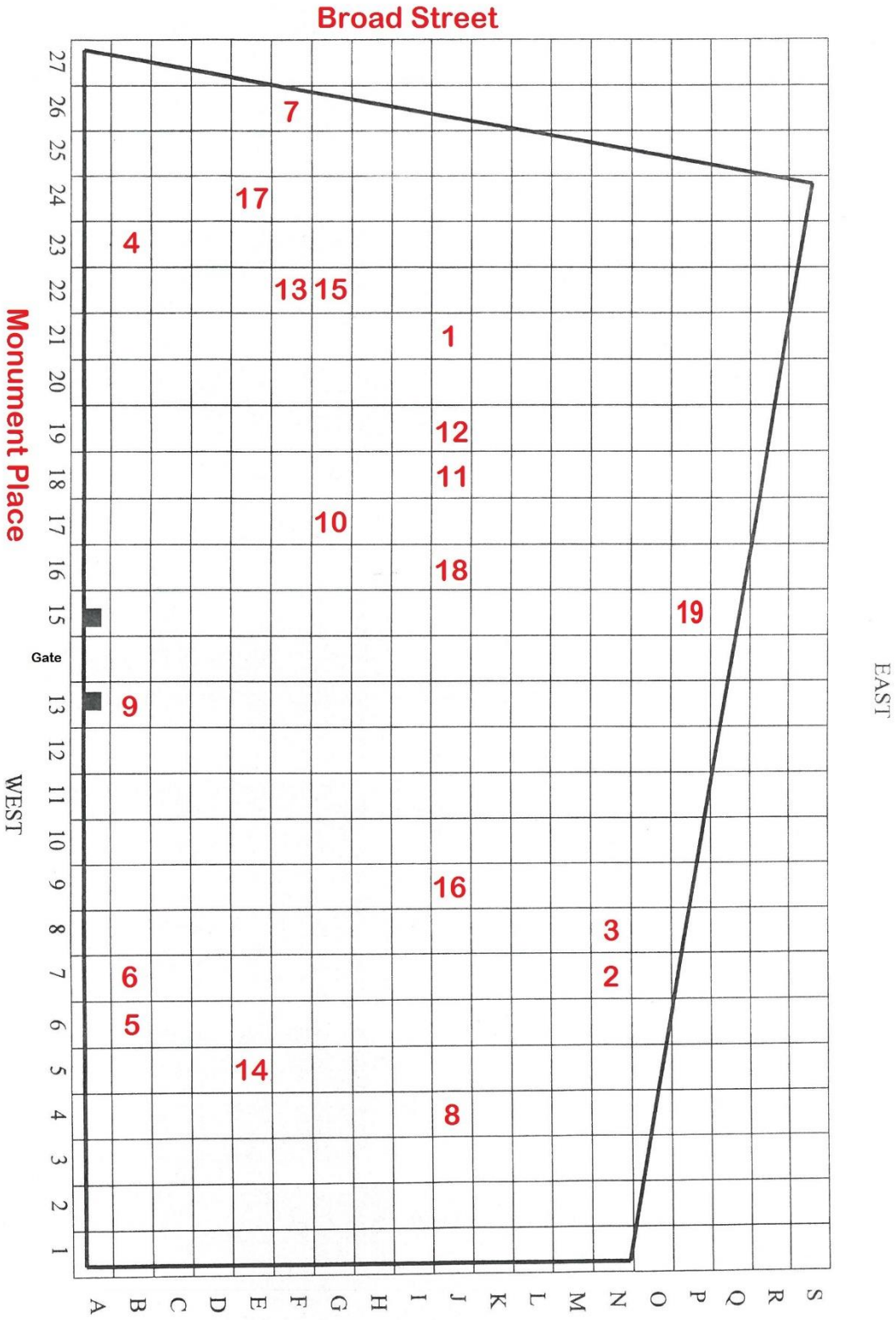
17. Benjamin Wells Born 17-Jun-1745, Died 8-Jun-1818. Listed in the Connecticut Men in the Revolution. 4th Regiment Captain James Booth, Col. Samuel Whiting. Fifer Sergeant. He was also in Col. Canfield's Regiment of Militia at West Point in 1781.

13. John McEwen, Born 1744, Died 29-Sep-1842. He was a carpenter and served under Col. Samuel Whiting. Listed in CT. Men of the Revolutionary War at age 96. The History of Stratford page 544 and the Hale Collection. His Pension # S11056.

6. Col. John Bradford Benjamin, Born 1730, Died 14-Sep-1796. Benjamin served in Col. Huntington's Regiment in 1775, Col. Lamb's Artillery 1777-1783, Sergeant 1777 2nd Lieutenant 1778. Promoted from Captain 1782 Major of 4th Regt. Danbury Alarm 1777. Col. John Benjamin, was a Captain in the Invasion of New Haven on 7/5/1779. (History of Stratford) Benjamin's Bridge spanned the Mill Creek and was built in 1786 by Col. John Benjamin. The Yellow Grist Mill was built in the East End in 1792.

18. James Walker, Sr. Born Jul-1715, Died 9-Jun-1796. He served under Gen. Israel Putnam enlisted at the age of 60 and was in the 5th Co. Third Regiment. He also served as Justice of the peace. The home that he built is at "Beardsley Park" in Bridgeport, CT. The Walker family has been in this country since 1632. James's grandfather Joseph married the founder of Milford's daughter Abigail Prudden.

Map of the Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery



Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Patriots

1. J21 - **Abijah Beardslee**, B-1 Jan 1764 died 3 Sept 1839. His Pension # 17278. Private under Lieut. Patterson in Whiting's CT. Regiment. He was stationed at Stratford where he guarded the town for 8 months. B-1764, D-3/Sep/1839.
2. N07 - **Curtiss Beardslee**, B- 9 Aug 1754 died 15 Sept 1796. SAR & DAR applications. He was a Corporal in Capt. Wheelers Co. under Col. Lewis from 26 Aug 1776 in the battle of Long Island. B- 1752, D-13/Sep/1796. DAR # A008101
3. N08 - **Abraham Beardslee**, B-1726, D-13/Feb/1815. He was an inspector of Gunpower and maker of Guns. SAR & DAR applications. In Capt. Booths Reg. called to defend the coast from July 5th to the 9th 1779. DAR # A008095
4. B23 - **Henry Beardslee**, B-1737, D-3/Aug/1806. Hale Collection Rev. War, Ct. Revolutionary War Military List 1775-83. 4th Regiment Capt. Booth Co. under General Silliman, Ration Rolls. History of Stratford men in the Revolution Pg. 541. Listed on abstract of graves of Revolutionary Patriots. (No grave stone)
5. B06 - **Col. Aaron Benjamin**, B-17/Aug/1757, D-21/Nov/1828. Revolutionary War. Pension # W25223, served under Count Casimir Pulaski. He was an Ensign in the 8th CT. Regt. In Jan. 1777 and also served in the 3rd and 5th Regt's. and became a Lt. Col. (Count Pulaski is credited with saving the life of George Washington). His wife Dorothy, received a pension. SAR # P-113099
6. B07 - **Col. John Bradford Benjamin**, B-1730, D-14/Sep/1796. SAR application, Book- Ct. men in the Revolution. Benjamin served in Col. Huntington's Regiment in 1775, Col. Lamb's Artillery 1777-1783, Sergeant 1777 2nd Lieutenant 1778. Promoted from Captain 1782 Major of 4th Regiment Danbury Alarm 1777. SAR # P-113169, DAR # A009125
7. F26 – **Isaac J. Curtiss**, B-1740, D 17/Jul/1815. In CT. Revolutionary War Military list, 1775-83 page 181. Listed in the History of Stratford PG 543 men in the Revolution. He was in the 4th Regiment, Company Booth's. Ration roll which were detached for the purpose pursuant to order of Brig. Genl. Silliman.
8. J04 – **Jeremiah Curtiss**, B-4/Apr/1716, D – 4/Sep/1782 In the Ct. Revolutionary War Military List, 1775-83 page 181. He was in the 4th Regiment, Company Booth's. Ration Roll of Guards detached from the 4th Regt. To the 11th Regt. By order of Brig. Genl. Silliman. DAR # A028878
9. B13 – **John C. Fairchild**, B-20/Feb/1745, D-2/Feb/1825. Dar# 92175 He joined the 5th regiment, 2nd company, Lieut. Col. Samuel Whiting in command. Also, listed in the U.S., Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783 page 86. SAR # P-156171, DAR #A038558
10. G17 – **Phineas Lovejoy, Jr.**, B-15/Sep/1762, D-26/Sep/1803. He was a Captain in the third Battalion under General Wooster. Book State Regiments under Gens. Spencer and Wooster in Rhode Island and CT. 1776-77 PG 424. Listed in the History of Stratford PG 544 men in the Revolution. Hale Collection listed as being in the Revolutionary War.

11. J18 – **Colonel Philo Lewis**, B-7/Jul/1758, D-7/Nov/1836. History of Stratford, CT. page 544, Maritime Service CT. Men of the Revolution. He served on the Ship “Oliver Cromwell” 1777. His pension # is W20469. Philo also served in the War of 1812 (History of Stratford) and was in command of the troops which turned out for the defense of Bridgeport. He served from Apr. 15, 1814 - Apr. 17, 1814 and is listed in the CT. Militia War of 1812. (6th Regiment). SAR # P-236125
12. J19 – **Captain Nathaniel Sherman Lewis**, B-1730, D-11/Feb/1812. He is the father of Philo Lewis and also server on the Ship “Oliver Cromwell” 1777. He is listed in the CT. Men of the Revolution as Maritime Service. History of Stratford page 544. Nathaniel is listed in The Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots, DAR # 7685 & 7389. SAR # P-236104, DAR #A070091
13. F22 – **John McEwen**, B-1744, D-29/Sep/1842. He was a carpenter and served under Col. Samuel Whiting. Listed in CT. Men of the Revolutionary War at age 96. The History of Stratford page 544 and the Hale Collection. His Pension # S11056.
14. E05 – **Captain Ezra Hubbell**, B-2/Sep/1768, D-9/May/1804. Ezra was lost at sea along with his crew in Indonesia. (CT. Church Records Abstracts) Ezra was a private in the 5th Regiment 9th Company. (Connecticut in the Revolution page 70) SAR Application (1899).
15. G22 – **Silas Hubbell**, B-1752, D-30/Nov/1812. Silas was an Ensign in Captain Olmsted’s Co. on July 6, 1778. (Connecticut Men in the Revolution page 539) SAR application (1943). DAR #A059517
16. J09 - **William Samuel Johnson**, He was member of the Bar, Colonial House of Representatives 1761-65, Judge of Connecticut Supreme Court 1772-74 and a Signer of the U.S. Constitution) SAR # P-225590, DAR #A063871
17. E24 - **Benjamin Wells** B-17/Jun/1745, D- 8/Jun/1818. Listed in the Connecticut Men in the Revolution. 4th Regiment Captain James Booth, Col. Samuel Whiting. Fifer Sergeant. He was also in Colonel Canfield’s Regiment of Militia at West Point in 1781. SAR # P-316147, DAR #A122310.
18. J16 - **James Walker, Sr.** B- Jul/1715, D- 9/Jun/1796. He served under Gen. Israel Putnam enlisted at the age of 60 and was in the 5th Co. Third Regiment. He also served as Justice of the peace. The homestead that he built is at “Beardsley Park” in Bridgeport, CT. DAR #A119392
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Benediction

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."

This Gate Is the Gift of Columbia University in the City of New York

In Grateful Memory of Samuel Johnson

The First President of King's College in the Province of New York

1754 - 1763 A.D.

And of His Son, William Samuel Johnson the

First President of Columbia College in the City of New York

1787 - 1800 A.D.

Whose Graves Are Within This Cemetery.

**"Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge
of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent in their instructions."**



The picture of the cemetery gate above is from 2017 before any of the work was started in the cemetery.

**Please join us for refreshments in the church hall following the
grave marking and dedication events.**