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Message from the Editors

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This issue is dedicated to our many ancestors who have served in America's military since its formation. We honor them. We thank them for their sacrifices. We reflect on the blessing of liberty their service secures. God bless our veterans! God bless America!

At our February meeting, Christine Davis will augment her articles in this issue with a presentation entitled “Finding Ancestors and Patriots During the Revolutionary War.” During the presentation, which will include a handout entitled “Researching Military Ancestors,” Chris will provide a general review of patriotic life and service. She will give us tips on how to locate original research and military records and what to do with what we find. She hopes to make her presentation in person and, if so, will have goodies to distribute to those in the room.

On November 13th Club members Ann Perry and Paul Jenkins will celebrate their 2nd wedding anniversary. They met at church and discovered a mutual interest in genealogy. The rest is history. Congratulations, Ann and Paul! ♦

My Patriot Ancestors

Christine Davis

Member, GSGC

We have limited information about the brave Patriots who actively opposed England. However, some who served in the Continental Army recounted interesting stories accessible today in journals and military correspondence housed in the National Archives.

George Washington was very active in New Jersey where my Patriots—brothers Jacob and John Angle, and Jacob’s son Paul--served in the Sussex County Militia. Evidenced by the money he received, I believe Jacob Angle sold and rehabilitated horses for Washington--but I need more research in the New Jersey Archives to prove it. I think Paul Angle provided supplies such as food for soldiers and hay for their horses. John Angle, brother to Jacob, had a more interesting story. John was pulled from his fields in Sparta, New Jersey, without a chance to tell say good-bye to his family. Practices such as these gave rise to the descriptor “Minuteman.” Patriots ALWAYS had their guns and knapsacks with them--even when working in the fields. Before being pulled for active duty, men were also paid for monthly drills, marches, and target practice.

The Angles, like most Germans in the area, had few shoes and saved their boots for winter. The rest of the year, they covered their feet with tar and straw and worked their fields barefoot. Their homes were log cabins with dirt floors covered, in part, with handmade rugs. Windows were very small. Glass and most fabrics were shipped from England. Both were very expensive--largely because they were heavily taxed by the British. They took months to arrive in the colonies.

There were no roads--only Indian paths difficult to navigate during the rainy seasons of spring and fall. As a result, the colonists usually traveled in winter when snow was high. They took down fences and used horse

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and sleigh to travel between farms and towns to visit friends and family. Marriages usually took place in winter when people and ministers could travel and had the time to celebrate a wedding. The Angles were actually wealthy. They had nearly 400 acres and were considered freeholders who were eligible to serve on a jury.

I have a HUGE appreciation for ALL our ancestors who survived the primitive-at-best life in America before the mid-1800s. We come, indeed, from hardy stock!



**Submissions to the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), of the following Patriots.**

**Patriot #1: Jacob ANGLE** (DAR Patriot # A002797) (4th Great Grandfather)

Jacob ANGLE was a patriot in the Revolutionary War and registered with his brother John ANGLE (DAR Patriot # A002804) at Newton, New Jersey. Jacob ANGLE and his brother John were listed as privates serving in the Sussex County Militia (New Jersey).

Jacob ANGLE was listed as a wagoner from Knowlton, New Jersey, who provided supplies for the war effort.

2 April 1781 Jacob ANGLE of Sussex received from Robert Hoops ACP Commissary Generals Department a Pay Voucher # 70 for 37:10:0 Continental; Amount in Specie 1:3:2 interest commenced 25 Jan 1780. Certificate No. 114. Considering the amount of the pay stub, it is likely Jacob provided large amounts of supplies--possibly horses--as New Jersey was known for breeding and rehabilitating horses for the Continental Army.

1 May 1784 Private Jacob ANGLE of Sussex according to *A Register of Militia Notes of Sundry Persons* is listed as receiving Certificate 752 from Joseph Gaston Esq. Agent for Sussex County, New Jersey, as listed in Miss. Accounts No 1 Page 117 Note MSS # 2222 Stub 31 for sum of 0:2:11.

**Patriot # 2: Jacob ANGLE’s Son: Paul ANGLE** (DAR # 962762) (3rd Great Grandfather)

23 Dec 1779 - 1 Jan 1787 Paul ANGLE from Knowlton, New Jersey was a patriot in the Revolutionary War with the New Jersey Sussex Militia. Paul received from George Cottman QMG Dept. Voucher 2187 dated 2 April 1781 for 32 pounds Continental 10:9:6 with interest commenced 23 Dec 1779; Interest to 1 Jan 1787, 10:4:0 ½.

28 May 1808 Paul ANGLE died in Knowlton, New Jersey, at age 56 and was buried in the Ramsaysburg Cemetery in Delaware, New Jersey. Inscription: “In memory of Pall Angle he was born April 4 1752 and departed this life May 28 1808 aged 56 years 1 month and 24 days”. His grave is marked with a Revolutionary War Veteran metal marker and an American Flag. Paul changed the spelling of his last name to Angle in 1800.

In 1935 the General William Maxwell DAR Chapter erected a monument for the Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in the Ramsaysburg Cemetery in Delaware, New Jersey. Paul Angle is listed among the *Revolutionary War Soldiers* buried there. Others listed that are also relatives: a third brother of Jacob and John, William Angle [DAR Patriot # A201255]; Capt. George Washington Ribble, Paul’s son-in-law, married to his daughter Maria Angle; John Barnes, father-in-law of Mary Barnes the wife of Abraham Angle (my 3rd Great Grandfather); and Andrew Banghart, Margaretta Angle’s father-in-law. I am working to prove John Barnes as a 3rd patriot in my family. ♦

My Veteran Ancestors

Bob Dahlin

Technical Support, GSGC Associate Board

As a veteran and now as an amateur genealogist, I’m interested in my ancestors who served in the militaries of America and Sweden. I know that my father and one of his brothers served in the US Army during WWII. Their younger brother served in the New York National Guard. My sister, her husband, and their daughter all served in the Army. Several cousins on both the maternal and paternal sides of my family were also in the military. To discover the military service of earlier generations, though, required research.

My maternal grandfather, Clarence Ellis Canfield, died

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a few months after I was born. Relatives never mentioned that he was in the military. It was quite a surprise when my research revealed that he enlisted in the Navy in 1885 when he was 17!

I was also surprised to find out how deep my military roots go. The earliest veteran ancestor I found was my maternal eighth great-grandfather, Thomas Munson. Born in England, Thomas was an early settler of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. He moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where he fought in the Pequot War of 1638. There, the European emigrants, along with their Mohegan allies, pushed the Pequot tribe from the area into the Hudson River valley and claimed New Haven as their own.

My maternal second great-grandfather, Henry Charles Rieff, Sr., was a sergeant major during the Civil War. He fought at the Battle of Gettysburg with Company D of the 5th New Jersey Infantry. He was wounded in the face by a mini ball which settled in his lung. According to family lore, he coughed it up many years later. Through my research, I was able to locate the exact area in Gettysburg where his unit fought. My son and I were able to walk that field together in 2013, 150 years after the battle took place.

On my father’s side, my third great-grandfather, Per Kihl Björesson Wahlström, served in the Swedish Navy for 38 years. He retired in 1854 at the age of 59, five years before the start of the Civil War in the United States.

I have several maternal ancestors that fought in the Revolutionary War. My fifth great-grandfather, Jonathan Condit, was a captain in the New Jersey Militia. My fourth great-grandfather, Zadock Williams, was a private with the Light Horse Troops. Another fourth great-grandfather, Abraham Canfield, served in the Light Horse Troops as an Express Rider.

There are several other Revolutionary War veterans on my tree, but my favorite is my fifth great-grandfather, Timothy Meeker. At the age of 70, Timothy enlisted as a private in the Essex County (NJ) Militia. On 23 Jun 1780, three months shy of his 72nd birthday, he fought in the Battle of Springfield alongside his nine sons, two sons-in-law, and a grandson. His story was so unusual that it was published in *Ripley’s Believe It or Not* many years later. Timothy survived the battle and passed away in 1790 at the age of 90. Timothy Meeker was George Washington’s second cousin and he is my link to our first president.



On November 11th, as you honor our living veterans, be sure to remember your ancestral veterans who have long since passed. ♦

Unsung Hero: Bob Dahlin

Ann Hamilton

Assistant Editor, Genie Bytes and Membership, GSGC Associate Board

A year ago, as I made my mental checklist of Club members I considered my personal unsung heroes, prominent among them was Bob Dahlin. I wondered why? I really didn’t know Bob that well. Why did he stand out? After mulling over his inclusion for almost a year, I now KNOW why I salute Bob Dahlin as one of my Unsung Heroes of the Grand Strand Genealogy Club.

As a former English teacher, I’m a decades-long admirer of Harper Lee’s iconic hero from *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Atticus Finch. The longer I know and interact with Bob, the more I see him as our Club’s embodiment of Atticus: lanky, soft-spoken, pleasant, easy-going, informed, thoughtful, articulate, and attentive. Like Atticus, Bob is truly generous with his time and talents.

To quote Scout as she paraphrases her father’s philosophy, “Atticus was right. One time he said you never really know a man until you stand in his shoes and walk around in them.” Since his arrival at the beach, Bob’s done just that. By doing so, he’s gotten to know us and understand us and we him.

Bob’s first fateful walk was in an Horry County cemetery

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as a volunteer for the county-wide Project which is geographically tagging all of Horry’s tombstones on a map. Accompanying each tag is a picture of the stone and a transcription of the stone’s inscription and data. While walking, Bob met our own Susan Perhala who told him about the GSGC. The rest is history.

Charlene Carson’s shoes, we all know, are very difficult to fill. But even Charlene found it difficult to be president and head of technical support at the same time. Bob took the reins of the latter four years ago and retained the role of Zoomer-in-Chief when COVID threatened to wither our flourishing Club. Thanks to Bob, we’ve been able to accommodate a Club evenly split between those desirous of in person and online attendance.

Scandinavian. When you hear of that heritage in the GSGC, only one name comes to mind: Gail Reynolds. Descendant of Knute Rockne and one of the founding mothers of the Club, Gail seemed the perfect person to lead a proposed small interest group on Northmen. But… Gail was busy teaching for OLLI. So, Bob slipped on his Birkenstocks and assumed leadership of the small and silent group. As such, Bob is a topic hunter, participant gatherer, and presenter-in-chief rolled into one. A complex role to play when your audience is composed of stolid Scandinavians!

Finally, it is the shoes of the teacher that for Bob are the most comfortable and well-worn. Teaching was one of the careers he pursued in his other life. In this one, he’s at home instructing seniors–whether online or in person. He even entered Phyllis Hughes’ bailiwick and spoke to her DNA SIG about thru lines. He introduced members of Brightwater Senior Living Complex and the Temple Shalom Sisterhood to our Club; members of our Club to new research techniques.

What does 2023 hold for Bob? As his public profile with the Club diminishes, I hope Bob will continue to mentor individual members privately. I’m someone in need of his services! ♦

Letter from a Confederate Veteran

April Havens

Member, GSGC Club

*In recent months, I’ve attended a few webinars and taken a lot of notes. After reviewing them, I decided I needed to return to my McCutchan binder and reexamine some of the information about James Harvey McCutchan, my husband’s great grandfather from Lewis County, Missouri. The focus of my reexamination would be the letter James wrote to his daughters. From it, I would extract information much like I do from other sources. Diligently!*

*Transcribed below is James Harvey McCutchan’s letter.*

Canton, Missouri – June-15th-1914

Record of James H. McCutchan’s service in the Confederate Army. Written in order that my daughters and grand-daughters may become Daughters of the Confederacy. This is as I remember it, and I do not claim absolute accuracy with regard to dates.

My first service was in a recruiting camp under Colonel Poindexter, on Silver Creek, within seven miles of Huntsville, Randolph County, Missouri.

We were defeated here by Merrill’s Calalry on January-8th-1862. After this battle, I returned home, and was taken prisoner in March by Colonel Glover’s 21st Missouri Regiment, and taken to Palmyra, as a citizen prisoner. (Colonel Glover, did not know I was enlisted under the Confederacy.) I took the oath and was realeased.

I then returned home and remained until about August-1st, when it became necessary that all Missourians should take a stand, either for or against the Union, since there were strong talk of impressment. I reenlisted, and entered a recruiting camp under Colonel Franklin at Monticello, Missouri.

From this camp, about eighteen men, (I, one of the number) were sent out to procure arms and ammunition, and went as far North as Alexandria, Missouri.

We procured about two wagons loads of supplies and were reenforced with about twenty-five men. While we were away Colonel Porter came from the South to Franklin’s camp where he was joined by Colonel McCollough with McNeil (Federal) following.

They moved into Know County to Short’s Well, and when we joined them, the next morning they were moving camp and had started toward Kirksville.

We proceeded to Kirksville, where we stopped and gave battle August-9th, and were defeated. We then crossed the Chariton, and went South to within twelve miles of Macon City, where we were met by some Federal Cavalry, and had a fight on Mud Creek. We

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referred before leaving the prison. There we tasted the first bread, since our escape from prison. We stayed there the balance of the night and until evening the next day, when we separated, and I went back, to my friends in Spencer County, Kentucky, and rested a week, then came to Illinois, where I worked as a farm hand until the war was over in 1865.

**What did I learn? I have more questions!**

* James’ daughters may have asked him to write this account of his service so that they could become members of the Daughters of the Confederacy. *Did they apply? Become members? One of James’ daughters is my husband’s grandmother.*
* James served under Colonel Poindexter and Colonel Franklin of Company A. He was a member of Captain John McCann’s Company and Colonel Cluke’s Regiment. *I need to locate regimental histories and biographical information about the officers.*
* James was a prisoner at both Palmyra and Camp Morton Prisons. I learned how he escaped from the latter. *I need to locate information on each prison.*
* James mentions several battles. *To learn more,* *I need to look for service records for each company.*
* James stayed with friends and relatives in Spencer County, Kentucky. *Who were they and how were they related to James?*
* James was a farm laborer in Illinois until the war ended. *How did he get to his final destination of Lewis County, Missouri?*
* *Finally,* *I need to embellish a map showing all the places James was stationed and imprisoned during the war as well as those to which he fled after his escape*.

April’s advice to our readers: Take the time to review documents, letters, and other secondary sources. They may provide additional information and point you in an unanticipated direction that will help you to better understand your ancestor. ♦

Featured Book

Trace your military ancestors with the *Genealogist's Military Records Field Manual* eBook by the editors of

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drove them off and recrossed the Chariton River at See’s Ford, where we ambushed the Federals and repulsed them. From there we came North and East, where we went into camp and disbanded, each company going in the direction of their homes.

Some of my comrades, with myself, came to my own home, where we lay in hiding until December-16th; when we left home and hired a Federal Soldier to take us across the Mississippi River above Canton, Missouri. We boarded a train at Coatsburg, Illinois, and went through to Jeffersonville, Indiana, where we crossed the Ohio River into Kentuckey. We walked through the country to Taylorsville, Spencer County, Kentuckey, to where friends and relitives lived; we arrived there Christmas Eve, where we stayed until spring. We enlisted again with a recruiting officer, who was captured by the Federals with the muster roll. We escaped my comrades, Nat Brown and Tom Howard, and I, and went through to Jimtown, Tenn., where General Morgan and the Federals had fought, and since the Federals got between us, and Morgans Army, we had to come back from where we started, near Bardstown, Nelson County, Ky.

When Morgan started in on his Ohio Raid, we got with him at Fairfield, and went with him on the raid. I was assigned to Company A., Captain John McCann’s Company, Colonel Cluke’s Regiment.

We were with him most of the skirmishes and battles until we were defeated at Pomeray, near Buffington Island, on the Ohio River. We were in the rear guard and were cut off from Margan’s Main Army.

We went back on our road about four miles, when we were met by??? Woolford’s (Federal) army, to whom, about four hundred, under Col. Dick Morgan, surrendered. They took us back to the river, put us on boats, and sent us to Cincinnati, Ohio, where we were put into box cars and sent to Indianapolis, Indiana, and put into Camp Morton Prison.

I was here for one month, then three others and I, escaped form under a bridge. We traveled of nights, walking and pressing horses for six nights, lying by in the day time. We lived on milk from spping houses on the way. We came to the river at Madison, Indiana. We lay on the bluff, above the city, in a sink hole all day, then took a skiff, from some children, crossed the Ohio into Kentuckey and walked twelve miles to Archie Smith’s (a Baptist preacher) to whom, we had been

Calendar of **Events**

GSGC Monthly Meetings

Place: Chapin Memorial Library/via Zoom

Time: 10 AM

Presentations:

* November 12: Writing Your Family History – Claire Fleming
* December 10: Return of the Problem Ancestor
* January 14, 2023: Related Faces – A Genealogy Software Program – Tina LaFreniere

Genealogy Meetings/Conferences

**[Salt Lake City Research Trip](https://www.ancestorseekers.com/)** – February 20-23, 2023. Largest library of its kind with a staggering worldwide collection of records and help by *Ancestor Seekers* consultants. Check website for details/future research trips. ♦

[**RootsTech 2023**](https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/) – March 2-4, 2023. The conference will be in person in Salt Lake City ($98) and virtual (FREE!). Registration now open. ♦

[Genealogy Cruise Conference for 2024](https://www.oconnelltravel.com/GroupRegistrations/view/107313)

Place: Barcelona to Civitavecchia (Rome)

Time: July 19 - 26, 2024 - Ship: Sun Princess

Hosted by: Cruise Planners - [***Mediterranean Family History Adventure***](https://www.oconnelltravel.com/GroupRegistrations/view/107313)(Details on the Genealogy Conference have not been set) ♦

٭٭Due to the Coronavirus most – if not all – meetings/conferences are being held virtually. Please visit [**ConferenceKeeper**](https://conferencekeeper.org/) for the most complete “Calendar and Collection of Genealogy Events” on the Internet. This is your chance to attend a meeting virtually you may have been unable to attend onsite because of its distance or cost. ٭٭

*Family Tree Magazine*. It contains great strategies for finding your military ancestors like James McCutchan (April’s Civil War ancestor), locating military service records, and interpreting draft registration cards. ♦

Did You Know?

The first submarine was tested during the Revolutionary War. While enrolled at Yale in 1771 at the advanced age of 31, David Bushnell demonstrated that gunpowder could be exploded underwater. Hoping to find some dramatically different way to use explosives in naval warfare, he created what he dubbed a “torpedo.” He then developed another military technology: an underwater craft that could deliver his torpedoes and so sink enemy ships moored in colonial harbors.

After graduation Bushnell, along with his brother as pilot, worked in secret on this submersible. Known as *The* *Turtle* due to its ovate design, the submersible helped the American colonies win their independence.

In 1779, David Bushnell was appointed captain-lieutenant in the newly formed Continental Corps of Sappers and Miners--the forerunner of the Army Corps of Engineers. Thomas Edison posthumously hailed Bushnell as the “father of submarine warfare.”

Read all about David Bushnell and America’s first combat submarine at the [**U.S. Naval website**](https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/1942/february/david-bushnell-and-first-american-submarine). ♦

Meetings

2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM at:

Chapin Library (*FamilySearch* Affiliate Library)

400 14th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

٭Due to Coronavirus check website for meeting location٭

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