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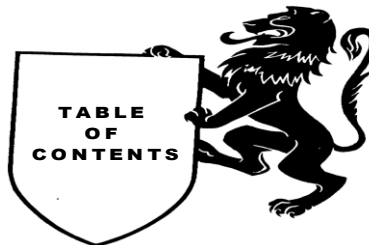
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**Suggestions?**

We are always glad to hear from you! What materials do you want included in the newsletter? Do you have any family stories you wish to publish? Any and all suggestions and additions for this newsletter are appreciated. Send your suggestions to the Editor or any of the Officers.

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## MEETINGS

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# President Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that you had time to do some genealogy research. I just returned from a trip to Norway where I had the honor of speaking at the Utvandarseminar (Emigrant Seminar) at the village of my ancestors. They were commemorating the 200th anniversary of the beginning of emigration from Norway. The best part was connecting with distant relatives and visiting the farms where my ancestors lived. A truly memorable experience!

## State Conference

I hope to see many of you at the Montana State Genealogical Conference in Great Falls next week. It's sure to be an educational and fun event! It's a pleasure to connect with others around the state. For more information visit <https://montanamsgs.org/conference/> .

## First Friday

After a summer break, the First Friday sessions have returned this month. This is a fun opportunity to work on genealogy research and bounce ideas off others. Watch for emails with the dates and time.

## Finding Montana

Our April program was rescheduled to September, so join us Wednesday the 17th at 6:00 PM for a presentation by Montana author Ednor Therriault, also known as Bob Wire. He will share stories he's gathered all across Montana while researching and writing his *Montana Curiosities* book series. His presentation is visual, oral, and musical! This will be a fun program

Julie Walker  
President

## In Memoriam

Charter member Eloyce Kockler died 27 June 2025 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona and was buried along with her husband Thomas at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Helena MT.

Dorothy Oliveira died 14 July 2025 in Helena, MT. Dorothy was an active member of our society for many years.

## Program Schedule for Upcoming LCCGS Meetings

September 17, 2025: Finding Montana. Stories and songs presented by GUEST SPEAKER Ednor Therriault.

October 15, 2025: Sharing the life story of surviving the holocaust during WWII and then his immigration and life in America. GUEST SPEAKER -- John Kunz

November 19, 2025: My Work in Identifying the Remains of Unidentified U.S. Soldiers using DNA and Family Tree Analysis. Presented by member (president) Julie Walker.

December 18, 2025: Annual Christmas time meeting. No Formal Program. Opportunity for visiting and round robin sharing of genealogical finds.

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Picture from Dianne Klinski. This is a picture of my Grampa Keller's 2 combines unloading grain into the Jimmy truck during harvest back in the 50's. The picture was taken on our place north of Kalispell.

## American Revolution Patriots

Continuing the series of members who have American Revolution Patriots.

### From Gale Kramlick (Greer) – 5<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather on her father's side

Michael Weidner – NSDAR Ancestor #202077 – Proven June 2015

**Service: VIRGINIA Rank(s): PRIVATE**

**Birth: CIRCA 1758**

**Death: 4-12-1843 WASHINGTON CO VIRGINIA**

**Pension Number: S\*W8303**

**Service Source: S\*W8303**

**Service Description:**

- 1) CAPTS ROBERT CRAVENS, ABRAHAM LINCOLN,**
- 2) WM LINCOLN, COGAR; COL BENJAMIN HARRIS**

My patriot is Michael Weidner, who served in Virginia under Captains Robert Cravens, Abraham Lincoln, William Lincoln and COL Benjamin Harris. Michael's parents were Johann Heinrich Widener and Sarah Worrell. Michael was born in Germany in 1758 and died in Washington County, Virginia in 1843 at the age of 84. He was married to Elizabeth Callahan and they had 8 children.

According to a booklet titled "History of Southwest Virginia 1746-1786 Washington County 1777-1870 by Lewis P. Summers," Michael's father, was one of the first settlers in Widener's valley in Washington County, Virginia. In order to get money to get away from Germany John "pawned or bartered" his son, Michael, a boy who was 12 or 14 at the time." John found employment and earned enough money to pay off the debt on Michael and bring him to Pennsylvania where they lived for a short time. Michael arrived around the time of the commencement of the Revolution. He was said to have been a brave soldier and acted as an interpreter when the Hessians were captured.

Hessians were German soldiers who served as auxiliaries to the British Army during the American Revolutionary War. Hessians were Germans who fought on the British side, since 65% came from the German states of Hesse-Kassel and Hesse-Hanau.

Michael's pension application in 1832 states he was drafted in June of 1779. He states he marched in a company commanded by Captain Robert Cravens and was then transferred to a Captain Abraham Lincoln and marched under his command to a place called Fort Mackintosh where we joined the main Army commanded by General Macintosh, Colonel Benjamin C Harris commanded the Regiment and they remained there for about a month when his detachment was sent to a place near the Shawnee Towns, at which place they built a Fort which was called Fort Lawrence. They then returned to Fort McIntosh and he was shortly thereafter discharged and he returned home to his residence in Rockingham County Virginia. About a month later he was again drafted and marched from County of Rockingham under the command of Captain William Lincoln to the City of Williamsburg in the State of Virginia & was then transferred to the command of Captain Cogan and remained in his company during the siege of York and surrender of Cornwallis. After the surrender of Cornwallis, he was attached to the party charged with guarding the prisoners who were sent to Winchester in Virginia, after arriving at that post he was discharged and returned home. After the revolution, Mike followed his father, John, and settled in the valley on what is known as the Lilburn Widener farm. He is buried in Weidner's Valley cemetery in Washington County, Virginia. I had the privilege of visiting his grave in 2014 and saw the land where he lived.

## **From Pam Wood Solwey**

### **John Wood DAR patriot #A204519**

**Service: MASSACHUSETTS Rank(s): PRIVATE**  
**Birth: 2-2-1743 LUNENBURG, WORCESTER CO, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Death: 7-5-1799 JAFFREY, CHESHIRE CO, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Service Source: MA SOLS& SAILS, VOL 17, P 746**  
**Service Description: 1) CAPT GEORGE KIMBALL, LEXINGTON ALARM**  
Marched April 20, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 10 days

### **Remembrance Grandy DAR patriot #A046905**

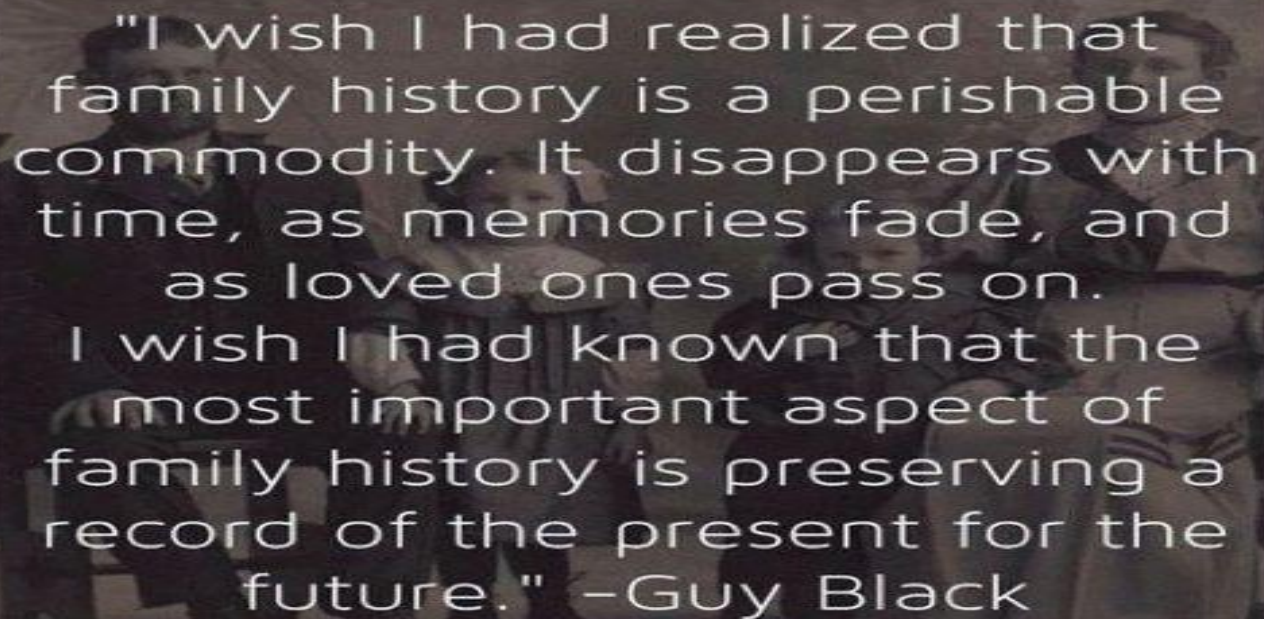
**Service: MASSACHUSETTS Rank(s): PRIVATE**  
**Birth: 4-3- 1750 NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Death: 2-27-1818 DEERFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Service Source: MA SOLS & SAILS, VOL 6 PG 716**  
**Service Description: 1) CAPTJONAS LOCKE, MINUTE MEN, COL WILLIAMS REGT**  
Marched on the Alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 14 days

### **David Chadwick DAR patriot #A023753**

**Service: MASSACHUSETTS Rank(s): PRIVATE**  
**Birth: 1-9-1752 ANDOVER, ESSEX CO, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Death: 12-30-1817 JAFFREY, CHESHIRE CO, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Service Source: MA SOLS & SAILS, VOL 3 PG 235**  
**Service Description: 1)LT PETER POOR, LEXINGTONALARM**  
Marched on the Alarm of April 19, 1775 to Cambridge; service 3 ½ days

### **Asa Graves DAR patriot #A047200 (first of 5 ancestors used to join DAR in 1981)**

**Service: MASSACHUSETTS Rank(s): ENSIGN**  
**Birth:11-4-1755 SUNDERLAN, HAMPSHIRE CO, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Death: 10-6-1823 ROME, ONEIDA CO, NEW YORK**  
**Pension number: S\*W11085**  
**Service Source: S\*W11085; BLWT #802-150; MA SOLS & SAILS, VOL 6 PG 742-743**  
**Service Description: 1)PVT, SGTMAJ, CAPTS HAYNES, MONTAGUE, SMITH, DANIELS, CHAMBERS, CLAYES**  
**2) COLS WHITCOMB, WIGGLESWORTH, SMITH, WOODBRIDGE**  
Served at various times – Enlisted Jan 1776; Served at various times from then until1782.



"I wish I had realized that family history is a perishable commodity. It disappears with time, as memories fade, and as loved ones pass on. I wish I had known that the most important aspect of family history is preserving a record of the present for the future." -Guy Black

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To Be A Happy One.

I'd Like To Leave An After  
Glow Of Smiles When  
Life Is Done.

I'd Like To Leave An Echo  
Whispering Softly  
Down The Ways.

Of Happy Times And  
Laughing Times And  
Bright And Sunny Days.

I'd Like The Tears Of Those  
Who Grieve, To Dry  
Before The Sun.

Of Happy Memories That I  
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2. The Society has a library located at the Lewis & Clark Library which is open any time the library is open. Volunteers from the society are there Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM to help if needed.
3. Members can at no cost have Queries published in the society's quarterly newsletter.
4. The membership dues are \$20.00 individual and \$25.00 family per year. Membership starts in March and payments received after August will begin the next year. Make checks payable to Lewis and Clark County Genealogical Society, or LCCGS.

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