

Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots of Lancaster County

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IN Volume XXX, No. 7, pages 89-91 of the Proceedings of The Lancaster County Historical Society, are the names of 164 soldiers of the Revolutionary War, the location of whose graves in Lancaster county, are known. Since then, I have discovered, in the files of local newspapers, obituaries of a number of soldiers of the Revolutionary period whose names do not appear in the list referred to.

Thus far, I have not been able to ascertain the location of their graves. It has been suggested that the obituaries be published in their entirety, with the hope that members of our society, and others, will inform us if they know where any of these patriots are buried, in order that in a future number of our Proceedings we may publish the fact, for the benefit of posterity.

1. ALGIGER, JOSEPH

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, November 18th, 1831.

"Died, in this city [Lancaster], on Wednesday, the 9th instant. Mr. Joseph Algiger, a soldier of the Revolution, in the 78th year of his age."

2. ANGUS, JACOB

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Wednesday, December 6th, 1848.

"Died, at Ephrata, on the 20th ultimo [November]. Mr. Jacob Angus, a soldier of the Revolution, aged 92 years and 6 months."

3. ANTES, FREDERICK

THE INTELLIGENCER AND WEEKLY ADVERTISER,
Wednesday, September 23rd, 1801.

"Died, on the 20th instant, at his lodgings at Mr. Slaymaker's tavern, in this borough [Lancaster]. Colonel Frederick Antes, in the 73rd year of his age, after an illness of 16 days; during which he suffered little or no pain; but, in a gradual and easy decay, gave up his breath without a struggle.

"The father of Colonel Frederick Antes, Henry Antes, Esq., was well known for many years as an active magistrate under the Provincial government; and must still be remembered, in the county and city of Philadelphia, with respect.

"The late Colonel Frederick Antes was early in life chosen a member of the Provincial assembly; and officiated as a justice of the peace, in his neighborhood, with great activity.

"Early in the Revolution, he entered into the service of his country; and his extraordinary mechanical talents enabled him to be useful in the infant state of the army, in a most conspicuous manner. His services, while Philadelphia was occupied by the British, were of the utmost importance. His knowledge of the country made him the guide of the American army in most of its marches and encampments; and his active, persevering disposition, joined to his intimate acquaintance with every road and dwelling, rendered his detachment so troublesome to the outposts and foraging parties of the British, that General Howe offered the price of 200 guineas for him, dead or alive.

"He was particularly useful in obtaining information of the movements of the enemy; and General Washington has, in recounting to the writer of this article numerous instances of his cool courage and military ingenuity, borne honorable testimony to his services.

"After the conclusion of peace, he was chosen a member of the convention which framed the constitution of Pennsylvania; and, in many succeeding legislatures he served his fellow-citizens with zeal and integrity. Having retired to his home in Northumberland, in an advanced age, he employed his very uncommon talents in the service of his neighborhood, and was eager in the promotion and execution of every public work which was undertaken; never sparing his own personal labor and risk, when they could be useful to his fellow citizens.

"Since the year 1798, he was employed, though already in his 70th year, to open the navigation of the Susquehanna. In this work he had made very great progress when he arrived at the close of all his earthly labors.

"It is impossible to add to this general view of the life of this useful man an account of the very numerous commissions which he undertook and executed, by direction of the government, in exploring the rivers of our infant country; and in pointing out its resources. His talents and his person were never denied to his country; and, though modest and quiet in his manners, and unambitious in his views, his services were perhaps more essential, and more permanently useful, than those of many whose career was more brilliant."

4. BAKER, JACOB

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, May 31st, 1822.

"Died, on Friday, the 17th inst., Mr. Jacob Baker, of Leacock township

"The deceased was an old and respectable inhabitant of this county; and during the Revolutionary War, though young, he ardently espoused the cause of his country and for some time served in her armies. Borne down with infirmities, he has at last been 'gathered unto his fathers' in a good old age."

5. BEVINS, WILDER

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Tuesday, August 15th, 1809.

"Died, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, Colonel Wilder Bevins, at an advanced age. On Saturday his remains were interred in the [Saint James's Protestant] Episcopal burial ground with the honors of masonry and war.

"The principal part of his life was devoted to the public; and in every station that he occupied he commanded the respect of all who witnessed his manly and generous deportment.

"In our Revolutionary struggle, he acted a conspicuous part; and throughout the whole of that period supported the character of a brave officer, a real

gentleman, and an amiable companion. From then till the close of the war, his labors were unremitting in the cause of American Independence. He was present in every danger that his undaunted bravery could reach, particularly at Germantown his blood flowed almost to the last drop for the liberty we now enjoy.

"He was subsequently a member, and deservedly, of the Order of the Cincinnati; and, like Cincinnatus, he exchanged the sword for the implements of industry and was always active in some laudable undertaking. Heroic virtues are always accompanied by benevolent and humane dispositions, and in perfect consonance with those amiable feelings he undertook the care of the poor of Lancaster county, a vocation which gave full scope to the natural propensity of his philanthropic mind. Here his generous heart conspicuously displayed itself in comforting the distressed, soothing the sick and protecting the helpless, aged, infirm, and insane. His soul enjoyed the sublime joy of giving joy.

"Self-interest was entirely forgotten in the interest he felt for the good of the county and its poor and sick. His industry was proved by the elegance and exuberant productions of the farm. His economy needs no other testimony."

6. BOUDE, THOMAS

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, October 25th, 1822.

"Died, yesterday morning, [October 24th], at Columbia, General Thomas Boude, in the 70th year of his age.

"Mr. Boude served with distinction as a captain during the Revolutionary War, at the close of which he received the brevet commission of a major. In life he was loved and respected, and his death will be severely lamented by all who have shared his friendship or made his acquaintance."

7. BRISBIN, JOHN

LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER,
Saturday, March 30th, 1822.

"Died, on the 20th inst., at the dwelling house of his son-in-law, Mr. Samuel Rutherford, in Swatara township, Capt. John Brisbin, aged 92 years. Capt. Brisbin was an active and useful officer in our Revolutionary War."

8. BROWN, JACOB

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND DEMOCRATIC HERALD,
Wednesday, November 30th, 1842.

"Died, in Manheim borough on Sunday morning last [November 27th], Jacob Brown, a soldier of the Revolution, in the 88th year of his age.

"Mr. Brown served his country during the whole of the Revolutionary War—was for a period Recruiting Sergeant under Captain (afterwards General) Hiester,—and was present at the battles of Bunker Hill, Brandywine and Monmouth, and at the crossing of the Delaware. For the last forty years of his life he resided in Manheim borough, and was respected by his neighbors as a good citizen and upright man."

9. BURG, JOHN

EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Thursday, December 18th, 1834.

"Died, on Wednesday evening, the 10th instant, in the 81st year of his age, Mr. John Burg, a soldier of the Revolution, who was at the battle of Long Island. When the term of his service expired he returned to his native town, Lancaster, in which he resided until his decease.

"His funeral will proceed from his late residence, this afternoon at 2 o'clock."

10. CARPENTER, ABRAHAM

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, March 17th, 1815.

"Died, on the 4th instant, Abraham Carpenter, Esq., in the 57th year of his age. In early life he participated in the struggle which eventuated in the establishment of American Independence; since that period he has represented this county in both branches of the state Legislature, where he uniformly manifested his attachment to the principles and policy which established the Federal government. He was eminently possessed of those affections and charities which sweeten domestic life. To the affluent, hospitality opened his portal; and charity never suffered it to close upon the indigent, without having relieved their necessities."

11. CHAMBERS, STEPHEN

NEUE UNPARTHEIYSICHE LANCASTER ZEITUNG UND ANZEIGS-NACHRICHTEN,
Wednesday, May 20th, 1789.

"Died, last Saturday, [May 16th], Stephen Chambers, Esq., a distinguished lawyer. Since the outbreak of the last war until now he served his country in many important offices.¹ He was buried in the churchyard of the [Saint James's] Episcopal church, attended by one of the largest processions of mourners of his fellow citizens from all stations and denominations which can possibly be remembered in Lancaster. His death is much lamented in that he was unselfish in his profession and served many poor gratuitously."

¹In the "Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution, April, 1775, to December, 1783," compiled by F. B. Heitman and published in Washington, D. C., in 1893, page 120, appeared the following:

"Stephen Chambers (Pa.), 1st Lieutenant 12th Pennsylvania, 16th October, 1776; Captain, March, 1777; retired 1st July, 1778. (Died 16th May, 1789).

12. CRAWFORD, JAMES

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, November 11th, 1825.

"Died, on Friday morning last [November 4th], at his residence in Lampeter township, Col. James Crawford, in the 85th year of his age — a veteran of the Revolution. He was appointed in April, 1776, colonel of the 5th Battalion of Associators, and afterwards one of the sub-lieutenants of this county. In public and private life he was an active and efficient man, retaining the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. The high estimation in which

the character of the deceased was held was manifested by the immense concourse of citizens who attended his remains to the grave on the succeeding Sabbath."

13. DEHUFF, ABRAHAM

INTELLIGENCER AND WEEKLY 'ADVERTISER,

Saturday, March 17th, 1821.

"Died, in this city [Lancaster], on Monday last, [March 12th], after a long and painful illness, in the 87th year of his age, Captain Abraham Dehuff, a hero of the Revolution."

14. DEMPSY, LAWRENCE

POLITICAL SENTINEL AND LANCASTER LITERARY GAZETTE,

Wednesday, October 17th, 1827.

"Died, on Monday last [October 15th], in Elizabethtown, Lancaster county (at the residence of his son, David Dempsy) Mr. Lawrence Dempsy, a patriot of the Revolution, in the 74th year of his age; formerly of Venango county."

15. DIFFENDERFFER, DAVID

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,

Wednesday, May 20th, 1846.

"Died, in New Holland, on Sunday morning, May 10th, Mr. David Diffenderffer, aged 94 years, 3 months and 1 day.

"The subject of our notice was one of the most aged Revolutionary veterans yet living, and one of the few remaining officers who engaged in that proud and glorious struggle for liberty. His career was eventful as it was lengthened. As a patriot, the democracy of his principles led him to participate early in the contest for Independence. Although as a man and a sincere Christian opposed to the wanton aggressions of a warlike disposition, and an enthusiastic advocate for peace,—universal peace, if such could be preserved and purchased without violating honor and national rights,—yet he deemed that there was a sacred cause in which tolerance was no longer a virtue, and in which men were justified in opposing the encroachments of unlawful power. In this he was, perhaps, a true and excellent specimen of the patriots who distinguished his time. Firm, active, jealous of his liberties, he was withal imbued with a fixed moral consciousness. A discrimination between right and wrong was as a balance in his mind, and was ever the incentive and guardian of his exertions.

"In 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was made, he was present at Philadelphia, and for the four succeeding years was principally in the active service of his country. Shortly afterwards, when the Americans crossed the Delaware and marched toward Trenton on that cold stormy night of the 25th of December, he was there attached to a regiment under the command of Col. Howsacker. In the morning, they attacked, defeated and captured a large number of the Hessians in Trenton. The minute details of this engagement, one of the most important during the war, the movements of the army, and the actions of the officers on the occasion, were distinct in his memory to the last hour of his life. He even retained a peculiarly pleasant impression of the manner and appearance of General Washington, for whom he had a great reverence and esteem. Ten days after this engagement, the cannonading of Trenton occurred, and he partook earnestly in the exertions of the day. On the following morning, the Continental army marched to

Princeton, engaging the British, and one of the hottest battles of that year ensued. Three hundred prisoners were taken, and the aspect of affairs became very much changed in favor of the Americans. In the summer following, a number of skirmishing parties were ordered to scour New Jersey for the purpose of harrassing the enemy, cutting off supplies and capturing detached parties. In these encounters he was a ready spirit, and, as may be supposed from the nature of the expeditions, they were attended with frequent trial and danger. Here he was wounded, taken prisoner and conveyed to New York, where he was detained three months, then sent on parole to Long Island. At the end of nine months, he was exchanged and discharged, but immediately proffered his services and was made an ensign.

"Courage and fortitude never forsook Mr. Diffenderffer; one emergency only rendered him the more fitly determined for the difficulties of an unpromising future. He now joined a body of Pennsylvania privates, a kind of reserve, or body-guard, to the commander-in-chief. The battle of Monmouth was the next important rencounter between the contending armies. Here he was a spectator to the equivocal conduct of Gen. [Charles] Lee, who commanded the advance of the main army, and the decided action of Gen. Washington; upon which he used to expiate with great warmth. The day was one of the most oppressive he ever remembered, many persons dying of heat, thirst and fatigue. In 1778, Mr. Diffenderffer attached himself to the detachment under the command of Gen. Sullivan, destined to proceed to the interior of New York, for the purpose of checking the ravages of the frontier Indians. When the expedition returned, he received the commission of a lieutenantancy, but was shortly constrained to resign in consequence of ill health. Here his military life closed; he retired and made his residence, permanently, in New Holland, where he continued to remain in vigorous health and spirits until his late attack, which, after an illness of three weeks, shut his eyes with the seal of death, at the advanced age of ninety-four. His white hairs and venerable person have descended into the grave; he stepped down into his last resting place with his laurels freshly around him, and with the same unfaltering self-possessed spirit that characterized him in life. His memory will remain behind while many hearts beat.

"How kind and how good a friend Mr. Diffenderffer was in private life, only those who were continually around him know. His heart was ever full of the most generous impulses, overflowing with benevolence and sympathy, and agitated with every finer feeling. He was a devoted Christian from his youth, in profession, and in all the intercourses, duties and engagements of life. His last moments were sustained by that consoling hope, which through all his long life he cherished, and strove to deserve; and as the body sank in slumber, his friends trust the spirit took wing for that Heaven which is the eternal home of the good."

16. DIFFENDERFER, JACOB

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Wednesday, July 25th, 1855.

"Died, on the 15th instant, in New Holland, Jacob Diffenderfer, a soldier of the Revolution, in the 97th year of his age."

17. DOUGLASS, ROBERT

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Wednesday, January 27th, 1847.

"Died, on the 11th instant, in Little Britain township, Robert Douglass, in his 91st year. The deceased was a soldier of the Revolution, and also served his country during the last war."

18. EABY, JOHN

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND DEMOCRATIC HERALD,

Wednesday, November 9th, 1842.

"ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY HERO GONE TO HIS LONG HOME!"

"Died, on the 2nd instant, John Eaby, Sr., of Leacock township, in the 85th year of his age.

"The deceased took up arms and marched in defense of his country in the 19th year of his age. He was during life, an estimable, industrious and useful citizen. His loss will be regretted by a large number of relations and friends. May peace be with his ashes, and eternal life his reward."

19. EBY, ISAAC

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,

Wednesday, March 27th, 1850.

"Died, on the 18th instant, at his residence in Leacock township, Mr. Isaac Eby. Mr. Eby lived to the ripe age of 91 years, 6 months and 11 days. At the time of the Revolutionary War, although very young, he felt a deep interest in the cause of freedom, and rendered important services to his country in its struggles for emancipation from the tyranny and oppression of Great Britain. Since that period, he has been steadily and actively engaged in the service of his friends, his country and his God. He went to his last home with a consciousness of having acted well his part here, and filled with a lively hope of a blessed immortality beyond the grave."

20. EHLER, DANIEL

LANCASTER EXAMINER,

Thursday, July 26th, 1832.

"Died, on Saturday last, [July 21st], Mr. Daniel Ehler, a soldier of the Revolution, and for the last 35 years crier of the court. Mr. Ehler was esteemed for his integrity and uprightness through life. His remains were followed to the burying ground of the Lutheran church by a large concourse of our citizens, including the members of the bar."

21. EHRISMAN, JOHN G.

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,

Wednesday, March 3rd, 1847.

"Died, on the 9th ultimo, [February] Mr. John G. Ehrisman, of Manor township, in the 94th year of his age. The deceased took part in the Revolutionary struggle, was a member of the 'Flying Camp' from this county, and was in the battle of White Plains. 'Peace to his ashes.'"

22. FREY, JACOB

LANCASTER JOURNAL,

Friday, May 29th, 1829.

"Died, on the 8th inst., in this city, [Lancaster], Mr. Jacob Frey, in the 85th year of his age. Mr. Frey was a highly respectable citizen, and one of the few remaining worthies who had taken up arms in the year 1776 and assisted in establishing the independence of our country."

23. GIBSON, ISAAC

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, February 13th, 1829.

"Died, in this city [Lancaster], on the 3rd inst. Dr. Isaac Gibson, aged 79 years. He was a surgeon during our Revolutionary struggle and has left a widow and two sons to lament his loss."

24. GONTER, JOHN

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Wednesday, December 16th, 1846.

"On the 13th ultimo, [November] Mr. John Gonter, Sr., departed this life in this city, in the 88th year of his age.

"Mr. Gonter was a native of this State, and for many years a resident of this city; and in the beginning of the Revolutionary struggle volunteered in the defense of his country. After serving as a volunteer for some time, he enlisted in the regular army, under command of Col. Armand, and continued there until the end of the war, when he was at York, in this State, honorably discharged. He always cherished a high reverence for the anniversary of our Independence—the glorious Fourth of July. Our Revolutionary heroes and soldiers are going one by one to their long home; the grave is ever open to receive them, and ere long none will be left to tell of the gloomy days and bloody scenes that have long since passed by; but their glorious and memorable achievements will ever remain green in the hearts of their countrymen."

25. GRAEFF, GEORGE

LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER,
Tuesday, November 18th, 1823.

"Died, very suddenly, on Thursday morning last [Nov. 13th], George Graeff, Esq., in the 68th year of his age.

"In the year 1776, Mr. Graeff marched from this place to aid in establishing the independence of his country, as a lieutenant. On the march, he was promoted to a captaincy, and as such commanded a company in the battle on Long Island. Mr. Graeff sustained through a long life the character of an honest man and a good neighbor; and received many proofs of the esteem and respect of his fellow-citizens by repeated appointments to stations of public trust and confidence."

26. GRUB, JACOB

LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER,
Tuesday, July 21st, 1829.

"Died, on Sunday, the 12th inst., in the 74th year of his age, Jacob Grub, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. He marched under the command of Capt. James Ross in the year 1775, for the relief of Boston; was afterwards at the battle of Long Island. He was buried with the honors of war, on Monday afternoon, in the German Reformed burying ground. The Battalion of Lancaster Volunteers, under the command of Major Hambright, evinced on this occasion their respect for one of the last of the Revolutionary soldiers."

27. GUMPF, MICHAEL

INTELLIGENCER AND JOURNAL,
Tuesday, September 26th, 1843.

"Died, on Friday the 8th inst., Mr. Michael Gumpf, an old Revolutionary soldier, in the 79th year of his age. He died full of years and was respected by all who knew him."

28. GUTHRIE, JOHN

LANCASTER EXAMINER,
Thursday, August 23rd, 1832.

"Died, John Guthrie, a soldier of the Revolution. He was born in Lancaster, Pa., on January 11th, 1739. He volunteered as a soldier under Gen. Armstrong from Carlisle in 1774, and again under Gen. Lacey in 1776; and continued battling against his country's foes until 1779, when his wounds compelled him to leave the service. He invariably sustained the character of a brave and an honest man."

29. HAINES, HENRY

INTELLIGENCER AND JOURNAL,
Tuesday, March 1st, 1842.

"Died, at Maytown, Lancaster county, Pa., on the 1st of February, Henry Haines, Esq., in the 83rd year of his age.

"This aged and respected citizen died universally loved and regretted. He served his country in the Revolutionary War, and was a member of the legislature from this county after the war, for two sessions, and again for two sessions afterwards. He was buried in the German Reformed burial ground, of which church he had been a member more than fifty years."

30. HAMBRIGHT, HENRY

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, March 6th, 1835.

"General Henry Hambright departed this life on the 2nd instant, at his residence in Earl township, Lancaster county. His remains were attended to the grave on the 4th instant by a large concourse of friends and neighbors. The Rev. Mr. Wallace delivered an appropriate discourse, in English, from Philippians 1.21, upon the occasion; which was followed by the Rev. Mr. Hertz, in German, from Psalms XC.10.

"General Hambright entered the service of his country in the early part of the Revolution, and rose to the command of a company in the 'Flying Camp.' He was one of the many sufferers on board the British prison ship in the harbor of New York. After his release, he again entered the Revolutionary army, and, on the close of the war, returned to his native place. The regard which his country entertained for his character and services was manifested in electing him to the legislature; and during many years he acted as a magistrate with a mildness and correctness which endeared him still more to all who knew him."

31. HAMMER, JACOB

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Thursday, November 22nd, 1838.

"Died, at his residence in Leacock township, on Friday, the 9th instant, Mr. Jacob Hammer, one of the soldiers of the Revolution, in the 86th year of his age."

32. HAVERSTICK, WILLIAM

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, November 14th, 1823.

"Departed this life at Philadelphia, on the 31st of October last, very suddenly, in the 68th year of his pilgrimage, Mr. William Haverstick, Sr., for many years a very respectable inhabitant of this city [Lancaster]. Mr. Haverstick was one of the early Whigs in our struggle for Independence. As a youth—a mere stripling—he felt the glow of patriotism; the love of country urged him on to deeds of valor; fatigue and privations of every sort were courted in the tented field. The writer of this has more than once heard him recount the hair-breadth escapes and perils which he experienced in common with those who bore the tug of war. He lived long enough to see the happy accomplishment of that glorious work of heroes who are now but seldom seen. He left an honorable name to a grateful posterity."

33. HENSEL, WILLIAM

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND DEMOCRATIC HERALD,
Wednesday, October 5th, 1842.

"Died, in Martic township, on the 14th ultimo, [September] Mr. William Hensel, Sr., in the 90th year of his age. Mr. Hensel was a soldier of the Revolution, and long a resident of this city."

34. HIESCH, LEWIS

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, September 12th, 1828.

"Died, at Washington, Lancaster county, Pa., on Thursday [September 4th] of last week, Lewis Hiesch. He was a native of France, and came to America with General Lafayette, as an eighteen months' man. He afterwards enlisted with Capt. Sterger, in the Maryland Line, and served to the end of the Revolutionary War. He lived in Franklin county, Pa., and was on a visit to his son at the time of his death."

35. HIPPLE, JACOB

LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER,
Tuesday, January 22nd, 1828.

"Died, at Marietta, on Thursday, the 17th instant, Mr. Jacob Hipple, in the 74th year of his age. The deceased had taken an active part in favor of this country during the Revolutionary War; and again shouldered a musket when the Whiskey Insurrection called for his services. His last illness was lingering and painful. In him we have lost an old and worthy inhabitant of our borough."

36. HOFFMAN, GEORGE FREDERICK

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, February 19th, 1830.

"Died, at the residence of his son in Baltimore county, Md., Mr. George Frederick Hoffman, a native of Lancaster, Pa., aged 70 years. He served his country as a faithful soldier in the Revolutionary War."

37. HOFFMAN, VALENTINE

LANCASTER EXAMINER,
Thursday, March 28th, 1833.

"Died, on Monday morning last, [March 25th], after a lingering illness, Mr. Valentine Hoffman, in the 74th year of his age, a respectable citizen of this place, and a soldier of the Revolutionary War."

38. HOUSTON, WILLIAM

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, February 13th, 1835.

"Departed this life on the 28th of December, at his late residence in Coitsville township, Trumbull county, Ohio, William Houston, in the 78th year of his age. The deceased was formerly a resident of this county, and was one of the surviving few who shouldered their muskets at the commencement of our Revolutionary struggle.

"He went out in the militia from Leacock township, in this [Lancaster] county, and enlisted in the flying corps. He was captured at the time of the surrender of Fort Washington to his Brittanic Majesty's forces, and was put on board a prison ship, then lying in the bay of New York, where he suffered all the hardships which a cruel tyrant could inflict. He has left a widow and numerous descendants."

39. HUFFNAGLE, GEORGE

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, October 20th, 1826.

"Died, on Wednesday night last [October 18th], in the 64th year of his age, Mr. George Huffnagle, a soldier of the Revolution. His friends and acquaintances are requested to attend his funeral from the house of Major John Getz at ten o'clock this morning."

40. KAUFFMAN, JACOB

EXAMINER AND DEMOCRATIC HERALD,
Wednesday, July 1st, 1840.

"Died at Washington, in this county, on Sunday morning last [June 28th], Mr. Jacob Kauffman, at the advanced age of 88 years.

"The deceased was born in Manor township [Lancaster county, Pa.], in the year 1752, where he always resided as a useful and highly respectable member of society. Already in the beginning of the Revolutionary War, Mr. Kauffman came forward a bold and uncompromising patriot, and throughout that eventful struggle sustained a high character for usefulness and patriotism. At one time he held the office of commissary to the army, and rendered the country important service, sacrificing his time and means to the promotion of the one great object, American Independence. He served in many civil offices, and during the entire period of his prolonged life he continued a distinguished lover and promoter of republican principles. Having lived nearly a century in this immediate neighborhood, beloved and respected, he died without leaving an enemy."

41. KUHN, FREDERICK

INTELLIGENCER AND WEEKLY ADVERTISER,

Saturday, April 6th, 1816.

"Died, on Monday morning last [April 1st], Dr. Frederick Kuhn, of this borough [Lancaster], in the 68th year of his age. On Wednesday his body was buried at Columbia, near that of his beloved partner.

"Frederick Kuhn, M. D., was the son of Dr. Adam Simon Kuhn and his wife, Maria Sabina. He was born in this borough on the 24th of August, 1748. He was early instructed in the principles of the Christian religion, which he professed through life and adorned by his conduct.

"He obtained a polite and liberal education, went through the regular gradations of the schools, graduated in the end as doctor of medicine, and rose to a degree of eminence in the profession to which a sound judgment and uncommon application alone can elevate.

"At the opening of the Revolutionary War, he engaged in the service of the United States as practical surgeon and physician, and therein continued almost throughout the war, among the most eminent and respected of his profession in the army.

"When he withdrew from public service, he made the place of his birth his place of residence and medical practice.

"In the year 1782, he entered into the holy estate of matrimony with Sarah Bethel, a daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Bethel, of Columbia, and enjoyed with her the best comforts of connubial harmony, until it pleased the providence of God to call her to a state of more perfect happiness. She died in the year 1797.

"After the establishment of the present constitution of this commonwealth, he was appointed one of the judges of this county; and served in that capacity for a number of years, to the satisfaction of the community.

"In the practice of medicine he was eminent and fortunate. He was universally respected and beloved; especially by those who employed him as their physician. His tenderness of the character of others insured him the friendly regard of his professional brethren. His diligent attention to those who committed their health to his care, his charity to the poor, his kindness to the afflicted, the amiableness of his disposition, together endeared him to all his neighbors.

"His death is much regretted, much lamented. It was unexpected and sudden. On Monday morning he enjoyed his usual repast. He rose from the table and stepped to the door. He was there seen by several of his neighbors, who in a quarter of an hour after heard that he had expired.

"To us, his life may serve as an example; the suddenness of his departure as a warning."

42. KURTZ, JOHN

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND DEMOCRATIC HERALD,

Wednesday, February 14th, 1844.

"Died, in Manheim township, Lancaster county, Pa., on the 6th instant, Mr. John Kurtz, in the 84th year of his age.

"Mr. Kurtz received pension from the United States and from the State of Pennsylvania, for services rendered to his country.

"We can only appreciate the merits of the Revolutionary heroes by a consideration of the inestimable blessings which that Revolution has conferred upon our country, and the inauspicious circumstances under which it was accomplished.

"We must remember that the accumulated wrongs of many years spread like a moral pestilence over the country by a tyrannical and idiotic monarch,

the avowed enemy of republican institutions, until forbearance not only ceased to be a virtue, but resistance became a most sacred duty. We must follow our fathers through their manifold sufferings and privations—trusting to God and the rectitude of their cause—impelled to deeds of daring by that pure and patriotic spirit, which freemen alone can feel. And while we admire all those qualities that adorn and ennoble human nature, which they possessed in so pre-eminent a degree, and which attach freemen to their interests and make them glory in their success, it becomes us, as men and as patriots, to shed a tear of gratitude over the history of their unexampled achievements.

“When we meet, at this late period, one of those few sacred mementos of the armies of Washington, venerable with age and blossoming for the grave, he seems to linger on earth to teach other generations the price and value of freedom.

“To those honored few did Mr. Kurtz belong. He fought the battles of his country in the days of his youth—and after returning from the turmoils of the battle field he long lived to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He saw many a hero fall around him, while the thoughts of former years came streaming over his soul, with all their deeds. But that patriotic heart has at last ceased to beat; that nervous arm, once the protection of the weak, is laid low in the grave; that brow that once defied a proud foe, has bowed in humble submission to the stroke of death; and that free and noble spirit has winged its way to the celestial mansions of his fathers.”

43. LANDIS, ABM.

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Wednesday, February 25th, 1846.

“Died, at his residence in Ephrata township, Lancaster county, Pa., on Saturday last [February 21st], Abm. Landis, in the 94th year of his age. The deceased was a soldier in the American Revolution. May he rest in peace.”

44. LANDIS, DAVID

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Wednesday, April 28th, 1852.

“Died, at his residence in West Cocalico township, Lancaster county, Pa., on the 7th instant, David Landis, a Revolutionary soldier, aged 90 years, 10 months and 28 days.

“The deceased was one of the few remaining Revolutionary heroes, who served their country during that eventful struggle. He enlisted in the army when only 15 or 16 years of age, and served faithfully from that time until its successful termination—a period of 5 years and 7 months. After the war had ended, he remained engaged in agricultural pursuits until the year 1824, when he was elected to represent, with others, his native county in the State legislature, which trust he held for one year.”

45. LECHLER, HENRY

THE LANCASTER UNION,
Tuesday, June 16th, 1835.

“ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER GONE!”

“Died in this city [Lancaster], on the 3rd instant, Henry Lechler, [a Revolutionary soldier], aged 87 years, 3 months and 7 days.”

46. LEONARD, GEORGE

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Wednesday, May 12th, 1847.

"Died, on Sunday morning last, [May 9th], Mr. George Leonard, an old Revolutionary hero, in the 92nd year of his age."

47. LINDY, JACOB

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, July 3rd, 1835.

"Died, on Monday last, [June 29th], at his residence in Warwick township, Mr. Jacob Lindy, a soldier of the Revolutionary army, in the 83rd year of his age, after a few days confinement."

48. LINTON, JOHN

THE LANCASTER UNION,
Tuesday, June 2nd, 1835.

"Died, on the 14th ultimo, [May], in Lampeter township, Lancaster county, after an illness of about three weeks, which he bore with Christian fortitude, Mr. John Linton, a Revolutionary soldier, aged 82 years, 11 months and 4 days."

49. LOWE, GILBERT D.

INTELLIGENCER AND JOURNAL,
Tuesday, April 4th, 1843.

"Died, on March 17th, Capt. Gilbert D. Lowe, in the 85th year of his age. The deceased was a soldier of the Revolution. His remains were interred in the English Presbyterian graveyard, with the honors of war, by the military of this city."

50. MAYER, CHRISTOPHER

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, August 18th, 1815.

"Departed this life, on the 11th instant, after a lingering illness, Christopher Mayer, Esq., in the 59th year of his age. Among the obituary notices which we occasionally record, we know of none that has been a subject of deeper regret, whether we consider this event in the character of a father, a friend or a citizen. In the earlier period of his life, this gentleman was among the first who devoted his services to the establishment of the Independence of his country, and after the happy termination of that event he was elected by his fellow citizens to fill the station of senator for the borough where he resided. This duty he discharged with dignity to himself and justice to his constituents. As a friend, he was sincere, generous and affable; and his memory will long be endeared to the widow and orphan who, with the most lively regret, bedewed his grave with their tears. In his commercial transactions he was punctual and honorable."

51. MESSENKOPE, ADAM

THE INTELLIGENCER AND WEEKLY ADVERTISER,
Wednesday, September 8th, 1802.

"Died, on the 4th instant, in the 44th year of his age, Captain Adam Messenkope, an old Revolutionary character and firm Republican. Always faith-

ful to the interests of his country and the principles of its constitutions, no perils damped his ardor. He has left a disconsolate widow and two children to feel and lament his death."

52. MILLER, PETER

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,

Wednesday, March 24th, 1847.

"Died, on the 5th instant, in the 88th year of his age, Mr. Peter Miller, of Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Pa.

"The subject of this notice entered the war of the Revolution in the seventeenth year of his age, and remained there during the whole period of the war; after the termination of hostilities he settled in Franklin county, and removed from thence to Lancaster county. His life was one of probity and honesty, and he departed in a good old age—full of years and full of honors."

53. MILLS, BENJAMIN

THE INTELLIGENCER AND WEEKLY ADVERTISER,

Tuesday, September 18th, 1804.

"Died, on Wednesday last [September 12th], after a few days sickness, in Mount Joy township, Lancaster county, Brigadier-general Benjamin Mills. He was an early, active, and uniform friend of the American Revolution; and retained his political integrity to the end. In private life he was much esteemed, having always supported the character of a good neighbor and an honest man."

54. MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM

REPUBLICAN TELEGRAPH,

Saturday, January 7th, 1826.

"Departed this life, on Tuesday morning last [January 3rd], William Montgomery, Esq., counsellor at law, of this city [Lancaster], very justly and sincerely lamented by his fellow-citizens, and his brethren of the bar and bench.

"Mr. Montgomery received, in early life, his classical education at the academy of Newark, in Delaware, that once celebrated nursery of genius and talents, under the learned Drs. Davidson and Read, so justly extolled as teachers and instructors of youth, before, during and after the American Revolution. At the close of his academic course, he was placed, as a student of the law, at New Castle, Delaware, in the office of that eminent and distinguished lawyer and statesman, Nicholas Van Dyke, then the governor of the state and the father of the present able senator in congress of that name. After the usual probationary period of study, he was honorably called to the bar of New Castle county. He continued in the practice of his profession there about two years, after which time (about the year 1784), he removed to this county and settled himself in his profession, which he pursued for many years with untiring industry, vigilance and care; and, as must be known to the citizens of this and the adjoining counties, in a manner and a way highly gratifying to his clients and so justly honorable to himself. For a few years past, severe sickness drew him from his profession; and, after the restoration of his health, he committed his interests at the bar to the care of a son, who promises so ably to discharge the trust, originally reposed in the father. Mr. Montgomery was allied to a lady of amiability and sound

good sense, with whom he spent many good years of great domestic happiness and comfort. A few years since, she was taken from him to another and a better world.

"In the gloomy seasons of 1776 and 1777, when the British were over-running the Jerseys, he marched from the village of Newark, under the command of Capt. Walter Carson, as a volunteer, and took a warm part in the fortunate battles of Trenton and Princeton, in the former of which he received a slight wound. In the following year, he was with a column of two thousand militia who were sent to make head against the right wing of Howe's army on their march towards Philadelphia from the Chesapeake. An engagement took place at the head of Christianna creek, at Cooch's bridge, in which he took an active part. It was a long and bloody contest, saved Wilmington and New Castle, and turned the British through Newark to Chadsford."

55. MOURER, PETER

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Wednesday, April 28th, 1847.

"Died, on the 16th instant, Mr. Peter Mourer, an old Revolutionary soldier of Manheim township, Lancaster county, Pa., in the 90th year of his age."

56. NEEL, THOMAS

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, April 9th, 1824.

"Died, last week, at his residence in Drumore township, Thomas Neel, Esq., in the 83rd year of his age.

"Few men have passed a long life more respected and esteemed than Mr. Neel. During the Revolutionary War, he shrank not from the perilous contest in which his country was engaged; and in the happy times which succeeded, he scrupulously performed all the duties of a husband, a father and a worthy citizen."

57. NORTHEIMER, ADAM

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND DEMOCRATIC HERALD,
Wednesday, July 14th, 1841.

"Died, on June 16th, Mr. Adam Northeimer, of Carnaervon township, an old Revolutionary soldier, aged 81 years and 6 months."

58. PORTER, JAMES

INTELLIGENCER AND WEEKLY ADVERTISER,
Saturday, November 15th, 1817.

"Died, in Colerain township, Lancaster county, on the 2nd instant, about the 83rd year of his age, Col. James Porter. He was an early, active Whig in the Revolutionary War; retained his patriotic principles till death; and through a long and useful life supported the character of an honest man and a worthy member of civil and religious society."

59. POWEL, FREDERICK

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Thursday, March 2nd, 1837.

"Died, at the residence of his son John Powel, near Strasburg, on Friday, the 17th of February, Frederick Powel, aged about 80 years, one of the few remaining soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

"Mr. Powel was a native of Lancaster county, and, in the struggle for Independence, volunteered and was attached to a rifle corps which was, we believe, commanded by Col. Stewart, generally known, to use Powel's own words, as the 'Irish beauty', which regiment composed a part of the army under the command of Gen. Lafayette, at the battle of Brandywine. The writer of this, once happened to converse with old 'Fritz', as he was usually styled by his acquaintances, concerning those times which tried men's souls, and succeeded in getting him to relate some anecdotes of himself and others, from which I have selected the following, which may not prove unacceptable to your readers. A few days before the battle of Brandywine, Mr. Powel was stationed on the bank of the creek, as sentinel; and at no great distance on the other side, a tall Hessian mounted guard. They continued watching one another for some time, when by some means Fritz discovered that the other sentinel was a Hessian. As silence is at best but a tiresome thing, they began to converse. After some time, the discourse turned upon the merits of the controversy between England and the Colonies. The Hessian was particularly abusive and insulting; Fritz grew warm, and replied with severity. The Hessian, being run out of argument, grew more outrageous, and concluded his harrangue with calling Washington harsh names. This was too much for our hero; he lost all patience, and instantly shot the mercenary dead on the spot. This roused an alarm. The troops were all put in motion, and preparation made. However, no enemy appeared; and when the truth was known, Fritz was arrested and threatened with being shot. Indeed, so great an infraction was it considered of the rules of war, that Washington himself, attended by Wayne, Lafayette, Col. Stewart and others, came to the place where Powel was confined, to examine him. When Mr. Powel was brought before the Commander-in-chief, he was desired to give an account of the transaction, which he did, in his English-German, with such sincerity as left no doubt of its truth in the minds of his hearers; and upon the interference of Col. Stewart, he was immediately released. At the battle of Brandywine, Powel was wounded severely in the hip, and rendered unfit for service. He was discharged, and after suffering for the long period of eighteen years from the effects of his wound, he, one morning, was joyfully surprised to find that the bullet had worked itself out near his knee. After this, he recovered his health, which he enjoyed without interruption till within a short time of his death.

"Mr. Powel, though uneducated, was a man of good natural sense and judgment. His strength was Herculean, and although slightly lame from his wound, it is said that he could easily perform the work of two common men. Perhaps some may think that this long notice of an old man, who died in penury, is useless. We are not accustomed to note the departure of the poor while we see the press eloquent in the praise of those whose only merit was the facility of accumulating wealth. Yet while we know this false feeling actuates some part of our population, we are also well assured that the great mass of the people still venerates those men, like the subject of this notice, who periled life, and devoted those days of youth, (which many spend in pleasure an in laying up a stock against the cares and helplessness of old age), in securing to us that freedom which we now enjoy, as the fruit of their labor."

Editorial note: Frederick Powel sleeps in an unmarked grave in Saint Michael's Lutheran churchyard, Strasburg, Pa.

60. RATHFON, JACOB

LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER,

Tuesday, July 7th, 1829.

"Died, at his residence in Lampeter township, on the 4th of July, Mr.

Jacob Rathfon, Sr., in the 79th year of his age, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, who fought for the establishment of his country's independence in 1776. His illness was a stroke of the palsy, which he survived but a few days."

61. REAM, ANDREW

INTELLIGENCER AND JOURNAL,
Tuesday, March 25th, 1845.

"Died, in Reamstown, on [Thursday] the 13th instant [March], Andrew Ream, [Ream?] one of the few remaining Revolutionary soldiers, at the advanced age of 85 years."

62. REITZEL, JOHN

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, August 18th, 1826.

"Died, yesterday afternoon, [August 17th], John Reitzel, Esq., in the 70th year of his age.

"Mr. Reitzel was one of those Revolutionary patriots who took up arms in defense of our rights and liberties, in the year 1776. In 1794, he commanded a company in the campaign against the insurgents; and in 1814, he raised and commanded a volunteer company of riflemen, which he marched to Baltimore for the defense of that city. Through life he sustained the character of an honest man and an upright magistrate.

"The friends and acquaintances of the deceased are requested to attend his funeral this afternoon, at 4 o'clock."

63. RINE, STEPHEN

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, April 27th, 1832.

"Died, on the 17th instant, Mr. Stephen Rine, a respectable inhabitant of this city [Lancaster] and a soldier of the Revolution, aged 79 years."

64. ROBERTS, THOMAS

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, October 19th, 1821.

"Died, on Friday, the 12th instant, at Washington, Manor township, aged 65 years, Mr. Thomas Roberts, formerly an inhabitant of this city and a soldier of 1776. His remains were interred on Sunday last in the [Saint James's Protestant] Episcopal burial ground."

65. ROSS, JAMES

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, December 30th, 1808.

"Another patriot soldier of '76 gone! In the 55th year of his age, died at Concordia, Orleans Territory, on the 24th of August last, General James Ross, judge of the parish of Concordia, formerly of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In the year 1775, as captain in Colonel Thompson's regiment, he recruited the first company in Lancaster that marched to Cambridge for the defense of the liberties of his country. He rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel of the Eighth Pennsylvania regiment, with which he fought in the memorable battle of Brandywine. In the battles of Long Island, Trenton and Germantown he bore a conspicuous part. His memory will be long cherished by the companions of his youth and his brothers in arms."

66. RUDY, JOHN

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND DEMOCRATIC HERALD,
Wednesday, November 30th, 1842.

"Died, on the 21st instant, Mr. John Rudy, of West Earl township, Lancaster county, Pa., in the 88th year of his age. The deceased served a tour in the Revolutionary War, as a soldier, against foreign oppression, at a time when it tried true American blood. Through his whole life, he was sober, industrious and beloved. His loss will long be regretted by all who knew him. May his example be a lesson to modern pretensions, and our country never be in want of such patriots."

67. RYAN, ISAAC

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, September 20th, 1822.

"Died, near Strasburg, on Sunday, the 1st of September, at the residence of his son, Isaac Ryan, Sr., in the 77th year of his age. He was one of the few remaining patriots who assisted in snatching insulted America from the yoke of British tyranny."

68. SHEFFER, PETER

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Wednesday, May 17th, 1848.

"Died, at his residence, in Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, Pa., Mr. Peter Sheffer, in the 98th year of his age. He was buried Wednesday, May 10th, with military honors. The Jackson Infantry, of Maytown, Captain Roath, the Swatara Infantry, of Middletown, Captain Raywald, and the Elizabethtown band, participated. A procession, composed of an immense concourse of citizens and friends, marched through the several streets of the borough to the Lutheran cemetery, where the interment took place. Colonel A. Greenawalt served as chief marshal, and A. Wade and Samuel Harmony as assistant marshals. The funeral ceremonies excited the liveliest interest, and were in the highest degree solemn and impressive.

"Mr. Sheffer was born February 2nd, 1751, in what was then Philadelphia county, now included in Montgomery. From thence his father removed to what is now Mahontongo, Schuylkill county, where he was massacred by the Conestoga Indians. The sister of the deceased, about 1756, was taken captive by the savages. Peter, the son, came to the then wild and solitary village of Elizabethtown, about 1768, where he since resided. He served three tours of duty during the Revolutionary War, under Washington, and participated in the battle of Brandywine. He died, lamented and respected, by all who knew him. Peace to his ashes!"

69. SHINDEL, JACOB

LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER,
Tuesday, April 22nd, 1828.

"Died, on Wednesday last, [April 16th], in this city, Mr. Jacob Shindel, a soldier of the Revolution, in the 74th year of his age."

70. SHINDEL, PETER

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,
Wednesday, February 14th, 1849.

"Died, on Friday morning last, [February 9th], Peter Shindel, of the city of Lancaster, a hero of the Revolution, in the 89th year of his age.

"At the commencement of the glorious struggle for Independence, the deceased entered the American army as a soldier, and continued in its service until the termination of the war. He was engaged in the memorable battles of Germantown and Brandywine, and participated in many of the eventful scenes of that period. Few men in his situation of life possessed a greater amount of information relative to Revolutionary events. His memory appeared to be a magazine richly stored with the incidents of those days, and he delighted to recount the sufferings and privations which he and his compatriots endured for the purpose of supporting the rights of the people, and the sacrifices which they had made on the altar of liberty. Although the weight of many years rested upon him, his memory appeared to be as retentive as that of vigorous manhood; and until within a few years, his person was as erect, and his step as elastic, as when he marched to meet the enemies of his country. A patriot of sterling integrity, he was always warmly attached to the free institutions of his country. His companions having all gone before him to their final resting place, he appeared to look forward with pleasure to that time when he, too, should be called upon to leave this earthly stage, and rest in peace with those who had faithfully served their day and generation."

71. SLOUGH, MATTHIAS

LANCASTER JOURNAL,

Friday, September 18th, 1812.

"Died, at Harrisburg, early on Saturday morning, the 12th instant, Matthias Slough, Esq., aged 79 years. On Sunday afternoon his remain were interred in the burying ground of the [Saint James's] Protestant Episcopal church in this borough, attended by a great number of citizens, with whom were joined many respectable inhabitants of Harrisburg, where the deceased had resided a few months prior to his death.

"Mr. Slough was born in the vicinity of Lancaster, of which he was a resident almost four score years, being nearly coeval with this ancient inland town. In the course of a long and active life, he acquired and merited the esteem of his fellow citizens. Before the American Revolution, he served as one of the representatives for the county of Lancaster in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania; and both during the war and after the restoration of peace, he filled, with reputation, several military and civil offices under the government of his country. In short, Mr. Slough was a worthy man and a useful citizen. He left as few enemies as most men, if, indeed, he had any; and very few who lived so long were more generally esteemed through life."

72. SMITH, WILLIAM

THE INTELLIGENCER AND WEEKLY ADVERTISER,

Tuesday, January 6th, 1807.

"Died, on Thursday, the 4th ult., [December], in the 74th year of his age, William Smith, Esq., of the village of New Holland, Lancaster county, Pa. After having served his country, as a public officer, through the whole of the Revolutionary War, he discharged the duties of the office of a justice of the peace for a term of 16 years, with dignity, ability and great usefulness."

73. SNYDER, ANDREW

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,

Wednesday, November 12th, 1845.

"Died, at the residence of his daughter, in the village of Intercourse, Leacock township, Lancaster county, Pa., on the morning of November 4th, Andrew Snyder, born in Germany on August 17th, 1733, and aged, at the

time of his death, 112 years, 2 months and 18 days. On the following day, his remains were interred at the Union Meeting house, near Roland's mill, followed by a large concourse of relatives, neighbors and acquaintances.

"Some years previous to the American Revolution, he emigrated to this country, and during that struggle with Great Britain he enlisted in the United States army, and was present at and participated in the battles of Monmouth, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown and others. At Brandywine he was one of the cavalry, under the command of Count Pulaski, and was wounded in the arm. For the last 25 years he had resided in Leacock township. He received an annual State pension of forty dollars, for the last sixteen or seventeen years, but had never received a pension from the United States. During his long and eventful life he had been afflicted with no sickness of any consequence, except that which ended his days, and was blessed with a robust constitution and a goodly vigor, so much so, that within the last eighteen months he traveled on foot to Shippensburg, a distance of about ninety miles, to see some of his relatives. He died having a firm faith in the atoning blood of his Redeemer, and bore his last illness with Christian fortitude and resignation to Divine will."

74. SPERA, WILLIAM

THE LANCASTER UNION,
Tuesday, January 30th, 1838.

"Died, on Saturday morning, the 6th instant, at the house of Mr. Henry Romich, in Elizabeth township, Lancaster county, Mr. William Spera, aged 77 years, 10 months and 11 days. Mr. Spera was one of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War. In early life he espoused the American cause, and at the age of 16 he equipped himself, shouldered his musket, left his father and mother, and joined General Washington's army, in which he continued for a considerable time. To the very last of his life the welfare of his country was always nearest his heart. He lived and died a patriot. He was a very worthy citizen, highly esteemed by those who knew him best. On Monday following his death, he was buried at the Lutheran church near Hinkletown, attended by an unusually large concourse of relations, friends and neighbors."

75. STAKE, JACOB

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Saturday, July 4th, 1801.

"Died, (at his house on the York side of Wright's ferry) on Thursday, the 25th ultimo, [June], Captain Jacob Stake, in the 45th year of his age. He served as an officer, with reputation and honor, during the American Revolutionary War, and has since preserved the character of an excellent citizen, a kind and affectionate husband, and a tender and indulgent parent. He has left a disconsolate widow and six children to lament his loss—three of whom, by the last wife, are small and helpless."

76. STEELE, ARCHIBALD

LANCASTER EXAMINER,
Thursday, November 1st, 1832.

"Died, in Philadelphia, on the 19th ultimo, Col. Archibald Steele, aged 91 years, 10 months and 7 days. The deceased was a native of this county, and served as an officer in the War of the Revolution."

77. STOCKSLEGER, PHILIP

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, March 5th, 1824.

"Died, on the 26th ultimo, [February], Mr. Philip Stocksleger, a soldier of the Revolution."

78. SWAR, JOHN

LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER,
Saturday, January 25th, 1823.

"Died, on the 15th inst., at his residence in Hempfield township, Mr. John Swar, aged 87 years, a soldier of the Revolution; respected and esteemed by all who knew him."

79. SWENTZEL, FREDERICK

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, December 12th, 1834.

"Died, on Monday, the 17th ultimo, [November], Frederick Swentzel, a respectable inhabitant of this city [Lancaster], and a soldier in the Revolutionary War, in the 92nd year of his age."

80. TOMLINSON, WILLIAM

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, April 8th, 1825.

"Died, at New Holland, on Thursday, the 31st ultimo, [March], Mr. William Tomlinson, in the 97th year of his age. He was a native of Ireland. He came to this country at the age of 26 and served in the American army throughout the whole of our Revolutionary War."

81. TWEED, JOSEPH

EXAMINER AND DEMOCRATIC HERALD,
Thursday, December 12th, 1839.

"Died, on the 2nd of November last, at his residence in Sadsbury township, [Lancaster county, Pa.], Mr. Joseph Tweed, a hero of the Revolutionary War, aged 89 years."

82. WEAVER, JACOB

INTELLIGENCER AND WEEKLY ADVERTISER,
Saturday, June 6th, 1812.

"Died, in this borough [Lancaster] on Sunday last, [May 31st], 80 years of age, Captain Jacob Weaver, an active soldier of the Revolution. Through life, Mr. Weaver retained his Whig principles and sustained the character of an honest man and an obliging neighbor."

83. WILSON, ROBERT

LANCASTER JOURNAL,
Friday, October 15th, 1824.

"Died, on Wednesday morning last [October 13th], in this city [Lancaster], Mr. Robert Wilson, in the 68th year of his age. Mr. Wilson was actively engaged during a great part of our Revolutionary War, and through life supported the character of an honest man and a good citizen."

84. WISE, ANDREW

LANCASTER EXAMINER AND HERALD,

Wednesday, March 29th, 1848.

"Died, in West Earl township, on the 16th instant, Andrew Wise, a soldier of the Revolution, aged 88 years, 4 months and 8 days."

85. WISLAR, MICHAEL

LANCASTER JOURNAL,

Friday, October 15th, 1824.

"Died, on the 15th ultimo, [September], at his residence in Columbia, Pa., in the 69th year of his age, Mr. Michael Wislar. He was one of the worthies who early engaged in the contest for freedom, in the Revolutionary War. In his 19th year, he entered the standing army of his country, and continued therein until the proclamation of peace. Many were the hard fought battles in which he was engaged. At Trenton, Flat Bush, White Plains, Brandywine, Germantown, etc., his services were conspicuous. At the memorable battle of Long Island, he belonged to Col. Miles' rifle regiment, attached to Lord Sterling's brigade, where they were surrounded by the Hessians, and desperately fought their way through their ranks, at a place called the Yellow Mill. He was a man remarkable for industry and sobriety, and enjoyed good health until about three months before his death, when he began to fail, and continued so until his spirit took its flight to 'that bourne from whence no traveler returns'."

86. WRIGHT, JOSEPH

LANCASTER JOURNAL,

Friday, August 17th, 1832.

"Died, in Manor township, on the 23rd of July, in the 82nd year of his age, Mr. Joseph Wright. The deceased was a respectable citizen and served as a captain in the War of the Revolution."

Major John Light—a Hero of the Revolutionary War

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

In the beautiful old churchyard adjoining Saint James's Protestant Episcopal church, Lancaster, Pa., lie the mortal remains of Major John Light, a distinguished soldier of the Revolutionary War, who died on July 2nd, 1834, at the advanced age of 79 years, 6 months and 9 days. The Examiner and Herald of Thursday, July 10th, 1834, contained the following brief obituary:

"ANOTHER VETERAN OF THE REVOLUTION DEPARTED!

"Died, in this city [Lancaster], on Wednesday morning, the 2nd instant, Major John Light, a veteran of the Revolutionary army, in the 80th year of his age.

"He was buried on Thursday afternoon, with the honors of war, attended by the City Battalion, under the command of Major Hambright, and by a very large concourse of citizens.