**FRIENDS OF MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD**

**NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016**

**ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS**

**TO BE HELD DECEMBER 7**

Our annual meeting and elections, as required by our by-laws, will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, located at 125 Symmes Drive in Manalapan (phone 732-431-7220).

The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. We will summarize activities for the year, including the September “Battle of New York” Reenactment, and will preview events for next year. Ballots for trustees and officers, and the annual plan and the budget will be received in person if not mailed in previously. They will then be counted and the results tallied and announced.

 Ballots and election information are being mailed separately to paid up members.

The nominating committee presented its slate of officers at the October 6 general meeting. The annual plan for 2017 and annual budget for 2017 were discussed and approved at the Board of Trustees meeting held on October 19.

David Martin is nominated to serve a third term as President. George Dawson is nominated to continue as Vice President. Kathy Doherty is nominated to continue as Treasurer and Fran Raleigh as Secretary.

George Dawson, Eric Doherty, Kathy Doherty and Fran Raleigh are current trustees whose terms are expiring and are nominated to stand for another term.

A list of current officers and trustees is listed later in this newsletter, and also on our website.

**CRAIG HOUSE TO CLOSE FOR THE SEASON DECEMBER 4; ANOTHER GRANT BREING SOUGHT**

**FOR MORE WINDOW REPAIRS**

The historic Craig House, which is interpreted by members of the Friends, has been open Sundays from 1-4 PM since last April. Due to cold weather and lowered visitation over the winter, it will close for the season on December 4. It will reopen again in April 2017.

Our sincere thanks are owed to Kathy and Eric Doherty for serving as docents at the Craig House. Without their help the building could not be opened to visitors on a regular basis, since the Park does not have sufficient staff to do so.

We are in the process of applying for another grant from the Monmouth County Historical Commission. This request is for aid in replacing two additional windows on the north side of the ground floor of Craig House. Two years ago we received a grant to replace three windows, and this year we received a grant to replace the two windows in the milk room. We are most grateful to the Commission for their help.

Recently the Park completed some repairs on the Craig House barn, which dates to 1840. Hopefully the Park will commence a comprehensive plan to help stabilize, restore and repair the Craig House, which is in dire need of much additional work.

**FOMB HAS INFORMATION TABLE
 AT MONMOUTH COUNTY ARCHIVES DAY**

 The Friends were well represented at Monmouth County Archives Day, which was held on Saturday, October 8, at the main branch of the Monmouth County Library on Symmes Drives in Manalapan. Every year 60 or more history groups from Monmouth county and around the state have display and information tables at the all-day event. This year the theme was transportation, specifically the “Blue Comet” train that ran from Jersey City to Atlantic City.

 Thanks go to Trustees Andy Beagle and David Martin for setting up and manning our information table.

**SCHEDULE OF WINTER ACTIVITIES (2016-2017)**

Dec. 4, 2016 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield. Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM

Dec. 4, 2014 (Sun) Craig House open 1-4 PM, then closes for the season.

Dec. 7, 2016 (Wed) Annual business meeting. Meeting held at 7 PM at the main branch of the Monmouth County Library, Symmes Drive in

 Manalapan

Jan. 1, 2017 (Sun) “First day Hike.” Visit the ground on which Molly Pitcher fought. Meet at Visitor Center at 11 AM, then drive to the

 northern part of the Park for a guided walking tour (about two hours).

Jan. 8, 2017 (Sun) Driving tour of battlefield. Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM

 (weather permitting).

Jan. 11, 2017 (Thurs) Program by Dr. David Martin “They Were Also Here: Aaron

 Burr and Alexander Hamilton at the Battle of Monmouth.”

 7 PM at the main branch of Monmouth County Library,

 Symmes Drive in Manalapan. (snow date Feb 16).

Feb. 5, 2017 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield. Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12, 2017 (Sun) Program on “George Washington at Monmouth.” Held at 2 PM in the Visitor Center Auditorium.

Feb. 19, 2017 (Sun) Program on “Black and Native American Troops at the Battle of Monmouth.” Held at 2 PM in the Visitor Center Auditorium.

March 5, 2017 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield. Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.

March 19, 2017 (Sun) Program on “Molly Pitcher at Monmouth.” Held at 2 PM

 in the Visitor Center Auditorium .

*Gift Shop is open Sundays from 1 - 4 PM at the Visitor Center.*

*Craig House is closed for the season, December 4 until April.*

**2017 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OPENS (forms enclosed)**

We cannot do all that we do without the support of our membership. Thanks!

**RESEARCH LIBRARY**

**NOW FUNCTIONING (PARTIALLY)**

 When former President Jim Raleigh passed away three years ago, his wife Fran (who is FOMB Secretary and a trustee) most generously offered us Jim’ s large collection of books and maps on Monmouth and the Revolution. The collection was slated to become the nucleus of the James T. Raleigh Memorial Research Library at the Park. The Park made available to us the large classroom area in the old wing of the Visitor Center, where we began setting up the library. Unfortunately, less than a year later the building developed severe climate control and humidity problems. As a result, the building had to be closed down until the environment can be remedied. Our maps and books that were located there have been put into plastic bags and containers for storage for the meanwhile.

 Fortunately, about 500 of the more important books from the collection had been set up in four bookcases in the new wing of the Visitor Center. This was done for space reasons and for easier access. These volumes include the books from our collection on Monmouth, battles and campaigns, military units, uniforms and equipment, and other key reference sources. Because the new Visitor Center has a working air conditioning system, these books were not affected by the climate control issues that literally plagued the library room of the old wing.

 The portion of our library in the new wing of the Visitor Center has been regularly used by Park staff and FOMB trustees and officers. We are very grateful to

Victor Pidermann of the Park staff for numbering, grouping and cataloguing this portion of the collection. He has also added to the shelf list the 100 or so volumes acquired by the Friends in the past year or so.

 We are delighted to announce that the catalogue of FOMB research books is now available on application to FOMB members and other researchers. Please be aware that books are available for use only by appointment and must be used under supervision at the Park office. Limited photocopy service is available. For a book listing or more information, contact FOMB President David Martin at dmartin@peddie.org.

**FOMB OFFICERS FOR 2016** **(terms expire December 7, 2016)**

President Dr. David Martin

 Vice President George Dawson

 Secretary Fran Raleigh

 Treasurer Kathy Doherty

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (end of term in parentheses)

 Andrew Beagle (2018) South Plainfield, NJ

 Richard Bellamy (2017) Spotswood, NJ

 Michael Cervini (2018) Toms River, NJ

 George Dawson (2016) New Brunswick, NJ

 Eric Doherty (2016) Old Bridge, NJ

 Kathy Doherty (2016) Old Bridge, NJ

 Walter Kowalsky (2017) Freehold, NJ

 Dr. David Martin (2018) East Windsor, NJ

 Marilyn Miller (2018) Toms River, NJ

 Fran Raleigh (2016) Colts Neck, NJ

 Peter Wagner (2018) Englishtown, NJ

 **2017 Membership Application**

The Revolution in New Jersey had profound meaning. To help keep the past alive, we ask for your commitment in Protecting, Preserving and Historically Interpreting Monmouth Battlefield State Park, a Registered National Historic landmark, and the sites associated with the Monmouth Campaign of 1778.

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***CHECK ONE***

***New membership Renewal***

**CIRCLE LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Individual $20 Family $30**

**Senior Individual $5 Senior Family $10**

**Patron $100 Lifetime $250**

***Membership benefits include a 10% discount at the Gift Shop.***

***The Friends rely on membership and donations for much of our general operating budget. If you would like to make a donation above the membership dues, we would deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness. The Friends is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization and your donation is fully tax-deductible. Thank you.***

**Donation included in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**FRIENDS OF MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD, INC.**

**PO Box 122, Tennent NJ 07763**

November 2015

Dear Friend of Monmouth Battlefield,

 I am writing to ask for your support for the Friends and our objectives. I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend our meetings and programs this year as we continue our programs to help preserve and develop Monmouth Battlefield State Park and to interpret the battle and events associated with it. Please consider renewing your membership or joining the Friends by returning the enclosed membership application to us at the address given above.

 This is an exciting year because of the continued expansion of all our programming. We are giving additional walks and talks on the battlefield, and we will be helping the Park erect additional wayside historical markers on the battlefield. Our biggest new project is the completion of the James T. Raleigh Memorial Library and Research Center, which we will finally be able to start working on after an eighteen month delay for building improvements. Our new and expanded gift shop offers the best selection of books and pamphlets on the battle that are available anywhere (visit our website if you want to order items by mail).

 We are continuing our popular free guided tours on the first Sunday of every month. We are also available to give group tours at other times by arrangement. In addition, we are helping to man and interpret the historic Craig House at the battlefield, every Sunday from 1-4 PM from the beginning of April to the beginning of December.

 We cosponsored, along with the State Park, the annual reenactment of the Battle of Monmouth in June, and also cosponsored a new event, “The Battle of New York in New Jersey,” in September. We also received a matching grant from the Monmouth County Historical Commission to undertake much needed window replacements at the historic Craig House. More grants for similar projects are in the works.

 If you have questions or want information, please contact President Dr. David Martin at 609-529-5356 (dmartin@peddie.org). Our new website can be viewed at [www.friendsofmonouth.org](http://www.friendsofmonouth.org/)

 Sincerely,

 Dr. David Martin, President

 *Additional accomplishments for the past year include:*

 *Sponsorship of programs and tours on the actual anniversary of the battle in June 2016*

 *Sponsorship of programs on “The Revolutionary War in Monmouth County” in June and July*

 *Maintenance of a new and expanded gift shop at the Visitor Center*

 *Regular membership meetings on historical topics related to the Battle and Park*

 *Outreach to schools, community groups and state agencies*

 *Regular free monthly tours of the battlefield held the first Sunday of every month*

 *Development of additional walking and driving tours of the Battle of Monmouth*

 *Staffing of the Craig House every Sunday from1-4 PM from April to December*

 *Working closely with Park staff to help man and interpret the new Visitor center*

 *Maintenance of a large and current website (friendsofmonmouth.org)*

**FRIENDS OF MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD, INC.**

**PO Box 122, Tennent NJ 0776**

**PROGRAM GIVEN ON “MAD” ANTHONY WAYNE**

**ON OCTOBER 6: “HE WAS EVERYWHERE”**

At the October 6 general meeting FOMB President David Martin gave a program on the role played by General “Mad” Anthony Wayne at the battle of Monmouth. Wayne was the only American general to be actively engaged in all three major segments of the battle, which is why the talk was subtitle “He was Everywhere.” Wayne, who was noted for his aggressiveness, played a key role in the morning maneuvers east of Freehold, and then commanded the troops that fought at the Point of Woods at 1 PM. He then led his own brigade of the Pennsylvania Line in the battle’s last major combat around 5 PM, when he attacked the British Grenadiers near Wemrock Road and then had to fight for his life at the Parsonage.

 The presentation was co-sponsored by Monmouth County Library and had over forty people in attendance. Many thanks to the library staff for all the advertising and for setting up the large meeting room. Additional joint programming is planned for the future.

**POPULAR WALKING TOUR PROGRAM CONTINUES**

Our program of walking tours continues to be successful. Tours are regularly held on the first Sunday of each month, and occasionally on other Sundays.

 A small but enthusiastic group visited the Point of Woods area and approaches to the Hedgerow line on September 14. On October 5 a large group of over twenty hikers toured the Hedgerow line and Parsonage area, dodging all the fences set up to facilitate apple picking in the Park’s orchards. The walking tour on November 2 was rescheduled to the Point of Woods area because of the strong cold wind blowing that day.

 The next regularly schedule walking tours will be conducted on December 7 and January 3. They meet at 1:30 PM at the Visitor Center and no reservations are required. In case of bad weather, a driving tour of the park, or historical lecture in the

new Visitor Center auditorium, will be substituted.

**SPECIAL WALKING TOUR TO NEW MOLLY PITCHER**

**SITE TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 1**

This year the Friends will once again be participating in the “America’s State Parks First Day Hikes" program sponsored by the state’s Division of Parks & Forestry. On Thursday, January 1, a special tour will be offered by David Martin to Perrine Hill to view the main American position there and visit sites associated with Molly Pitcher. Those interested in the tour should meet at the Visitor Center at 11 AM. We will then drive to the northern part of the park for the tour. This tour, which has averaged about forty participants the past three years, will cover about a mile over rolling terrain and will last about two hours total. Call 732-462-9616 for more information

**GENERAL WAYNE’S LETTER TO HIS WIFE**

**ABOUT THE BATTLE OF MONMOUTH**

Spotswood, 1st Jul7 1778

Dear Polly,- On Sunday the 28th June our flying army came in view of the Enemy about Eight O’Clock in the morning – when I was Ordered to Advance and Attack them with a few men – the Remainder of the Army under Gen’l Lee was to have supported me – We accordingly Advanced, and Received a Charge from the British horse and infantry which we soon repulsed, however our Gen’l thought proper to retreat in place of Advancing – without our firing a single shot – The Enemy followed in force – which Rendered it very difficult for the small force I had to gain the main body being Often hard pushed, and frequently surrounded – After falling back about a mile we met His Excellency- who was surprised at our Retreat, knowing that Officers as well as men were in high Spirits and wished for Nothing more than to be faced about and meet the British fire. – He Accordingly Ordered me to keep post where he met us with Stewarts & Livingstons Regiments and a Virginia Reg’t then under my Command with two pieces of Artillery and to keep them in play until we had an opportunity of forming the remainder of the Army and Restoring Order – We had but just taken post when the Enemy began their attack with Horse & foot & Artillery. The fire of their whole united force soon Obliged us after a Severe Conflict to give way – when a Most tremendous Cannonade Commenced on both sides, Continuing near four Hours without ceasing – During this time every possible Exertion was made by His Excellency and the Other Generals to Spirit up the Troops and to prepare them for an Other Tryal – The Enemy began to Advance again in a heavy Column against which I ordered some [text lost] Advanced with some of my Or [text lost] to meet them. The Action was Exceedingly warm and well Maintained on Each side for a Considerable time – At Length Victory

Declared for us, the British Courage failed and was forced to give place to American valor –

 We encamped on the field where we found among the Dead and Wounded a Number of the first Officers of the British Army – We have taken a Great Many Prisoners – and their men are coming in to us by Hundreds of a Day-

 In this affair we lost some brave Officers killed and wounded with many other Officers and men – on the part of the Enemy – the Slaughter has been great and [text lost] their Grenadiers Infantry and Guards, Their Loss is not less than twelve or fifteen Hundred men killed & wounded.

 Every General & other officer (one excepted) did Everything that could be expected on this Great Occasion, but Pennsylvania showed the Road to Victory – Adieu

my Dear Polly. Send this to my poor old Mother & tell her that I am safe & Well.

 Kiss our Little People for me.

 Ant’y Wayne

*Note: The text of this letter and the two that follow are taken from pages 145 and 153-154 of the book* Major-General Anthony Wayne and the Pennsylvania Line in the Continental Army, *by Charles J. Stille (Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott Company, 1893), which was published in a limited edition of 150, of which the James T. Raleigh Memorial Research Library at Monmouth Battlefield State Park owns number 107.*

**GENERAL WAYNE’S LETTER**

**ABOUT THE BATTLE OF MONMOUTH**

**TO MR. PETERS, SECRETARY OF WAR**

Paramus, 12th July 1778

Dear Sir, - We have been in a perpetual move ever since we Crossed the Delaware until yesterday – when we arrived here and shall be stationed for a few days – in Order to Recruit a little from the hard fatigue we have experienced in Marching through deserts, burning sand &c &c &c.

 The Enemy sore from the Action of the 28th Ultimo [Battle of Monmouth] seem inclined to Rest awhile. They are now in three Divisions, one on Long Island – one on Staten Island and the Other at New York –

 The Victory of that day turns out to be much more considerable than at first expected, Col. Butler who remained on the ground for two or three days after the Action says that upwards of three Hundred British had been buried by us on the field and numbers Discovered every Day in the Woods where the action commenced exclusive of those buried by the Enemy – which was not short of a Hundred – so that by most Moderate Computation their Killed and Wounded must be full fifteen Hundred men of the flower of their army – Among them are Numbers of the Richest blood of England – Tell the Phil’a ladies that the heavenly, sweet, pretty red Coats – the accomplished Gent’n of the Guards & Grenadiers have humbled themselves on the plains of Monmouth.

 “The Knights of the Blended Rose” & “Burning Mount” – have Resigned their Laurels to *Rebel* officers who will lay them at the feetof those Virtuous Daughters of America who cheerfully gave up ease and Affluence in a city for Liberty and peace of mind in a cottage – A propos pray present my best wishes to all such among which Number is my Daughter.

 Adieu and believe me yours Most Sincerely,

 Ant’y Wayne

(NB We have not Rec’d the least Article of Clothing since you saw us at Mount Joy and are now – naked)

**LETTER OF GENERAL WAYNE**

**TO MAJOR HENRY LEE (“LIGHT HORSE HARRY”)**

Camp Near White Plains, New York 20th July 1778

Dear Major – I wished you to have come in for a share of the Glory of the 28th Ultimo [Battle of Monmouth] – Col. Butler wanted you much – The Enemy’s Horse made a Charge in force upon his reg’t Consisting of 200 men – supported by the first regiment of Guards – he sustained the shock, broke them & pursued both horses & foot the Latter having been thrown into Disorder by the former Running through them – here was a field for you to act in – Butler had no horse near to Improve the Advantage & *Gen’l Lee –* but soft, he is now in Arrest & from present Appearances will not Continue long in the Service - a note from him to a Mr. Collins printer of the Jersey paper – Savours of Insanity or flows from a *Worse Cause -* We are drawing near the enemy’s Lines – their fleet is blocked up by two French Men of War of the Line and a Number of Frigates – the Cork fleet with provisions for Clintons Army is yet out – the Enemy are on Short Allowance – come then and Assist us to Besiege them.

**NEW JERSEY MILITIA COMMANDS AT MONMOUTH**

Note: In September 2016 Our President Dr. David Martin, gave a presentation on the role of the New Jersey Militia in the campaign and battle of Monmouth. Following is a list of New Jersey militia units who fought in the battle of Monmouth, or were in the immediate area of the battle, on June 28, 1778. The list is taken from pages 454-455 of the new book by Mark Lender and Dr. Garry W. Stone, *Fatal Sunday: George Washington, the Monmouth Campaign, and the Politics of Battle* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2016).

MILITIA UNITS AT RICHMOND’S MILLS WITH COL. DANIEL MORGAN (224 men)

1st Monmouth County Col. Asher Holmes

2nd Monmouth Col. Samuel Forman

2nd Burlington Lt. Col. Joseph Haight

Monmouth County Artillery Capt. Joshua Huddy

OPERATING FROM TENNENT’S MEETING HOUSE UNDER MAJ. GEN.

PHILEMON DICKINSON (about 500 men)

Hunterdon Light Horse Capt. Israel Carle

1st Burlington Col. William Shreve

1st Cumberland Lt. Col. Samuel Ogden

2nd Cumberland Maj. Thomas Ewing

1st Essex Col. Samuel Potter

2nd Essex Col. Philip Van Courtland

Hunterdon Artillery (as Infantry) Capt. Joseph Clunn

1st Hunterdon Col. Joseph Phillips

2nd Hunterdon Col. Joseph Beavers

3rd Hunterdon Col. David Chambers

4th Hunterdon Col. John Taylor

3rd Middlesex Col. Jacob Hyer

1st Salem Col. Samuel Dick

1st Somerset Col. Frederick Frelinghuysen

2nd Somerset Col. Hendrick Vandike

Pennsylvania militia Brig. Gen. John Cadwalader

Volunteers (50-60 men)

AT FORMAN’S MILL (200 men)

Eastern Morris, and other militia Col. Sylvanus Seely

OPERATING FROM THE VICINITY OF SCOTS MEETING HOUSE

AND VAN DOREN’S MILL

1st Middlesex Col. John Webster

2nd Middlesex Col. John Neilson

3rd Monmouth Col. Daniel Hendrickson

*Note: Elements of these militia regiments were in the field, not entire regiments. Precise numbers from each regiment are not known. Militia from other counties were also at and around Monmouth, probably intermixed with the units noted above. There were troops from the 2nd Salem County regiment, which probably did not fight as a unit.*

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION FILES**

**PROVIDE EXCELLENT INFORMATION**

**SAMPLE FROM SOLDIER WHO WAS AT MONMOUTH**

*One of the best untapped sources for information about the Revolution is the soldier pension application files. After the war, soldiers were permitted to apply for pensions and land grants upon application and submission of their service record, with supporting letters and evidence from their officers and fellow soldiers. After 1832 widows could apply based on their husband’s service record. Their stories are fascinating, such as the following by Richard Lee of the 1st Essex Militia, who was at Monmouth (mentioned in the last newsletter). Pension records are available from the National Archives, and through several on-line research sites. We are grateful to John M. Raya of Shelby Township, Michigan, for supply this document,*

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

State of New Jersey, Essex County

 On this twenty-eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two personally appeared before the Superior Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Essex now sitting, Richard Lee a resident of the Township of Rahway in said County of Essex in the state of New Jersey aged seventy-four years and upwards, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as stated. The said applicant entered the service as a volunteer militia man under Captain Amos Morse with a company of volunteers in the year of 1776. John Craig was Captain and commanded a company at the same time. The duty performed by the applicant at that time was principally in watching the enemy at Trembley’s Point in the township of Elizabeth at that time but now in the township of Rahway. During the same summer and fall he was marched with the troops to Elizabeth Town Point and was engaged in building the Fort and throwing up entrenchments at that place ‘till late in the fall of the same year after which the applicant returned home and in the winter of 1776-1777 he performed two tours of duty in the monthly service in the same company under Captain Morse.

 In the spring of 1777 the applicant was again called out in duty in the monthly service under Captain Morse and Captain Craig during the whole summer except about six weeks. The duty was principally in guarding against the incursions of the enemy along the lines at Woodbridge in Middlesex County, and at Trembley’s Point, Elizabeth Town and Elizabeth Town Point. During the fall and winter of 1777 the applicant continued to do monthly duty along the lines for more than one half of the time under the same Captains.

 Some time in the month of May 1778 the applicant was drafted at the wheat sheaf in Rahway Township (then Elizabeth Township) and marched from Rahway to New Brunswick in Middlesex County, from there to Maiden Head [Lawrenceville?] and remained there a few days in the month of June 1778. The applicant marched with the militia under Captain Morse to the County of Monmouth & was on the Battle ground at the Battle of Monmouth and with the militia with which he was connected, remained as a reserve or rear guard during the battle.

**MILITIA PENSION APPLICATION CONTINUED**

 After the battle of Monmouth in the month of July the applicant returned with the troops to Monmouth and was suffered to go home. The applicant was engaged in the battle of Short hills when General Howe came over with the British army and made his head quarters in the village of Westfield. The battle was fought by the Continental troops and militia. Col. Ogden & Major Barber were two of the Continental officers.

 The applicant was also engaged at the Battles of Springfield and Connecticut farms and followed the enemy to the entrenchments after the Battle between Elizabeth Town and the Point. The applicant was also engaged in the battle of Strawberry hill near Amboy on a Sunday morning being at that time under the command of Captain Morse. Some of the troops of the New England line were present at the battle of Strawberry Hills. The enemy were repulsed and retreated to Amboy.

 The applicant afterwards in the year 1780 was out on the lines as a volunteer in the company commanded by Captain Morse. B--- Frazier was a Lieutenant and John Craig was Major at that time. The regiment was commanded by Col. Ingeres (?). The applicant continued in actual service from the summer of 1780 to the 27th June 1781 at Woodbridge Township Point and Elizabeth Town, when he was taken prisoner at Trembley’s Point while in pursuit of the enemy by a party in ambush. He was carried to Fort Richmond in Staten Island and detained as a prisoner for about four or five weeks when he was permitted to return home on parole, and continued on parole as a prisoner to the end of the war never having been exchanged as he knows or believes.

 The applicant recollects Captain Morse, Isaac Sharpe, Isaac Heider (?), John Everett, who are now dead, were a few prisoners taken at the same time as he was, also Jacob Brookfield who is now living in the said township of Rahway.

 The said applicant was born in what was formerly the township of Elizabeth being now Rahway Township on the 2nd day of May 1758 and has continued to reside in the same township of Rahway ever since. The records of the age of the applicant is entered in the family Bible of his father and now [word unclear].

 The applicant was well acquainted with Gen’l Elias Dayton, Col. Matthias Ogden, Col. William Crane, and Captain Ogden and others of the Continental army.

The applicant has no discharge nor other documentary evidence of his services and can now only recollect Jacob Brookfield of the said township of Rahway by whom he can prove his services whose affidavit is hereunto attached.

 The applicant was engaged under arms either as a volunteer or drafted for more than two years before he was taken prisoner as above stated and in actual service. The

Applicant refers to the certificate of the Rev. Thomas E. Janeway and Amos Morse Esq. and Jacob Brookfield Esq. his neighbors herein to attest for his character etc. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present; and declares that his name is not in the revision roll of the agency of any state, and subscribes the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

 Richard Lee

 D.G. Crane, Judge

(continued)

**MILITIA PENSION APPLICATION CONTINUED**

 The Thomas L. Janeway a clergyman residing in the township of Rahway, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey and Amos Morse and Jacob Brookfield in the same township of Rahway hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Richard Lee who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. We believe him to be seventy-four years of age, that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier in the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court.

 D.G. Crane, Judge

 Thomas L. Janeway

 Amos Morse

 Jacob Brookfield

 Personally appeared in open Court before the [unclear word] Court of Common Pleas in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, Jacob Brookfield of the township of Rahway who being duly sworn under oath says that he is acquainted with Richard Lee the foregoing applicant and he knew him in the year 1780 and has known him ever since. That the said Richard Lee was engaged as stated in the foregoing declaration in the years 1780 & 1781 as a volunteer under Captain Morse and was taken prisoner and returned on parole again in the said declaration set forth. That he has always understood and believed that the said Richard Lee did serve at different times set forth in the foregoing declarations, and was always esteemed as a faithful and patriotic soldier.

Subscribed in open court the 28th day of September A.D. 1832

 D.G. Crane, Judge

 Jacob Brookfield

**BATTLE OF MONMOUTH REENACTED IN GERMANY**

Recently we received an email from Kay Schmittl, a woman from Germany who has been reenacting eighteenth century battles for fourteen years. She reports that every year their big event is in Fulda (Hessen), which is where they now have their biggest authentic reenactment in Europe every year. They usually have over 550 reenactors, which is on a scale with some of our bigger reenactments at Monmouth Battlefield State Park. They especially enjoy doing Revolutionary War battles, and this year they did the Battle of Monmouth.

 Kay says that they have reenactors from all over the world join their event. She closes by saying, “It would be nice to stay in touch. Maybe ones of us are interested to visit your reenactment next year.” You can see their films at [**https://www.youtube.com/**](https://www.youtube.com/) **results?search\_query=Fulda+ zeitreise+2016+Battle+of+Monmouth.** Both the films and the reenactments are quite well done, though I must say that it is a bit different to hear the narrative done in German,

**OUR NEXT BATTLE OF MONMOUTH WILL BE JUNE 17-18, 2017**