

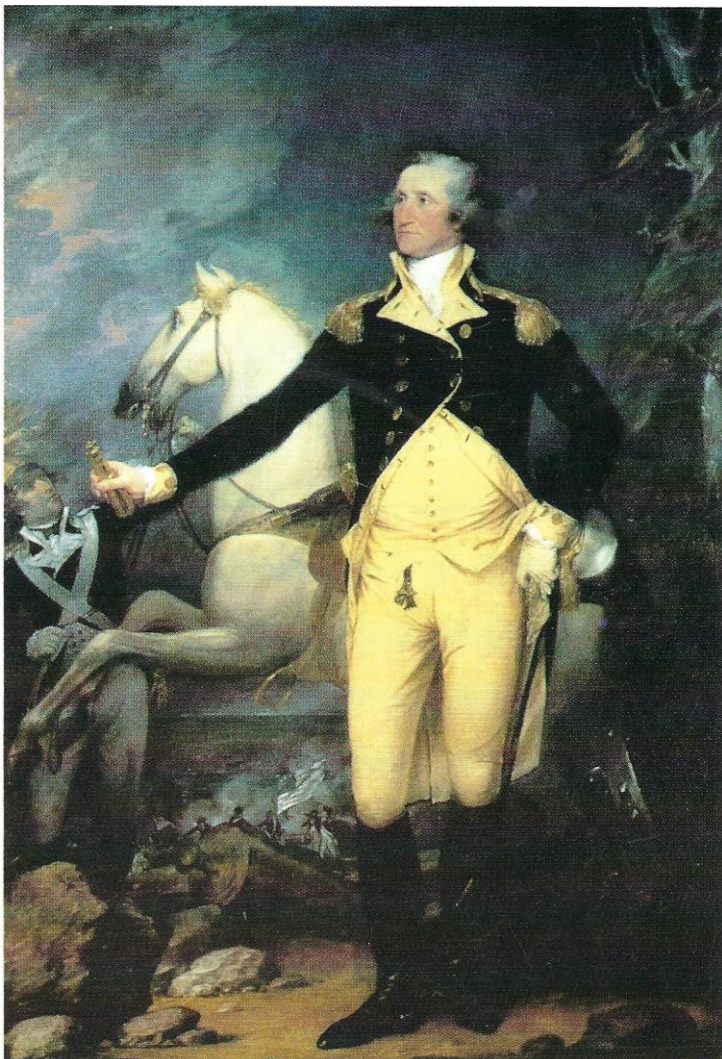


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**General George Washington at the Battle of Trenton 1792
by John Trumbull, 1756-1843 - Yale University
Art Gallery, gift of The Society of the Cincinnati
in the State of Connecticut in 1806.**

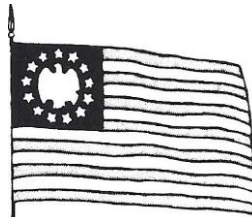
FURTHER NOTES ON ORIGINAL CINCINNATI MEMBERS WHO FIRST WERE IN THE ENEMY FORCES IN

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

First Developed When I Was History Editor

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In the Cincinnati Fourteens of May and October 1988, we printed articles showing two Original Cincinnati had first fought against the American forces in our Revolution. One was Karl Friedrich Fuhrer of the Hessian Forces. He was captured at Trenton, and later received a commission in the Virginia line. He became a member of the Virginia Cincinnati. The other was John Christian Senf, a military captured with the Hessian forces under Burgoyne at Saratoga. He later became a member of the South Carolina Cincinnati. Only recently has his place of origin been definitely determined and it was Saxony. For this information we are indebted to Kenneth S. Jones, Editorial and Research Officer of the Joahannes Schwalm Historical Association Inc.



Thus we have two Hessians who switched sides in the Revolution and became Cincinnati. We had a third switcher - Edward Dale who switched from English sea man to American Naval Lieutenant.

Do our members know of any others?

We are most grateful to Kenneth Jones for his research and we should keep in touch with him because it is reported his organization has a list of 1,000 Hessian soldiers captured at Trenton. How many more became Cincinnati?

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THE STATE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Cincinnati held its Annual Meeting at the City Tavern on October 6, 1989 - on the same site and almost the same day as its first meeting 206 years ago - October 4, 1783.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was happily achieved, all of last year's officers being reelected as follows: President, Philippus Miller V; Vice President, Lawrence C. Murdoch, Jr.; Secretary, Lewis S. Graham, Jr.; Treasurer, John C. Tuten, Jr.; Assistant Secretary, William E. Chapin, II; Assist- ant Treasurer, William R. Gordon.



L-R: Pennsylvania V.P. Murdoch, Hobie Cawood, Benjamin Franklin, Pres. Miller, Sec. .Graham at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Society.

After hearing Committee Reports which showed us to be healthy and vigorous, the Meeting acted favorably on the following membership applications: Full member - Thomas Clifton Etter, in the right of Lt. Michael Hoffman, 1st Pennsylvania Regiment, who died in service.
Successor Members: Robert Huntington Kurtz, grandson and successor to Harry Ramsey Hoyt.

Caleb North Miller, son and successor to Philippus Miller V. (The original Member in this line and direct ancestor was Caleb North, President of the Pennsylvania Society 1828-1841.)

Following an excellent dinner and the traditional silent toast to General Washington, we had very unusual entertainment. This was a lively and realistic representation of Benjamin Franklin by Ralph Archbold. For this, we thank our Honorary Member, Hobie Cawood, who among his many duties is Philadelphia Local Chairman of the Benjamin Franklin 200th Anniversary Steering Committee. We held only one Philadelphia Regional Cincinnati luncheon. This was on December 14th at the Rittenhouse Club. Our speaker was Hobie Cawood to tell us " what he knows that we do not know about Benjamin Franklin" - appropriate because Franklin was an Honorary Pennsylvania Cincinnati and this year was the 200th Anniversary of his death. This was a rewarding talk, detailing Franklin as a city, provincial, national, and international leader.

The Standing Committee meeting in January was moved to Dr. Thomas Bond House and had unusual personal and historical significance. Dr. Bond's son, Dr. Thomas Bond, Jr., was an Original Member of our Society and is now represented by Stephen B. Hall. The Thomas Bond House, owned by the National Park Service, had been privately restored and is now a bed and breakfast operation. Thus we arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Hall -and baby - to be our guests in Mr. Hall's ancestral house. Further, we held there our Standing Committee Meeting, to which Mr. Hall was invited. Then, both Doctors Bond, having been members of our American Philosophical Society, we had the pleasure of a talk on them by our Honorary Member , Dr. Whitfield J. Bell, J r., recently retired Librarian of The American Philosophical Society. Mrs. Hall and the wives of our Officers then joined the Standing Committee at an excellent dinner served in the Bond House by our usual caterers.

Our final event of the winter was our Washington Birthday Luncheon. This was held on Monday, February 19th, at the City Tavern and was attended by nearly 70 members and guests. The speaker was Susan Grey Detweiler who spoke on the subject of her recent notable book "George Washington's Chinaware." It was an excellent talk, illustrated with many slides, including, of course, Washington's Cincinnati China. We are delighted Mrs.Detweiler could do it for us.

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