

# Sons of the American Revolution



The  
Michigan  
Society



Oaks  
Chapter



## The Acorn

### Our Mission Statement

*Promote in our youth and our community a sense of commitment to the Ideals of American Patriotism, to encourage participation in political processes and maintain camaraderie of the membership.*

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### Upcoming Meetings:

9 March 2017 Members Mtg.  
11 May 2017

Social time 6:30 P.M.  
Start time: 7:00 P.M.

#### Avery's Tavern

2086 Crooks Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48308  
Tel: 1 (248) 270-4030

### Upcoming Events:

27 April 2017

**Oak Annual Meeting**  
River Crest Banquet Facility  
900 W. Avon Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
Tel. 1 (248) 652-6706

### Message from Our President

As my tenure as President of the Oaks Chapter ends, I wish to express what an honor and privilege it has been for me to serve in this office for the past two years. I also wish to thank the many Compatriots who worked with me as we continued the proud traditions of the Oaks Chapter and the Sons of the American Revolution. Together we share a unique and remarkable heritage as descendants of American's first Patriots. The men and women who risked everything to establish this country were a special breed. It is our obligation to honor their memory and carry on their work in the defense of freedom.

By becoming a member of the Sons of the American Revolution you have taken the first step to do that. Now I challenge you to take the next step and become involved in the Sons of the American Revolution by becoming an active member of the Oaks Chapter. When I use the term "active", I mean something more than just paying your dues. We all have talents and skills that are needed to make and keep the Oaks Chapter a vibrant and relevant organization. Please consider serving on a committee, or as an officer, or where ever you see a need that you could help with. Never think you have nothing to contribute. Early in my membership in the Oaks Chapter, a more senior member told me the Oaks Chapter will give you as much as you are willing to give the Oaks. Truer words were never spoken. There is a world of friendships and fulfillment waiting for those who are willing to step forward and become involved.

Receiving your membership certificate and rosette when you became a member is special. Let it be the first step in a new adventure in your life. Attend meetings when you can, help the Chapter with projects when you can, and learn that the real satisfaction in being a Oaks Compatriot is following the lead of your Patriot Ancestor and contributing to the cause of freedom.

With my sincere best wishes to you all,

**John K. Crissman**

# OFFICERS OF THE OAKS CHAPTER



**President** - John Crissman  
**1st V. President** - John Raya  
**2nd V. President** - Thomas Coddington  
**Secretary** - Jeffrey Yeager  
**Treasurer** - James Walker  
**Registrar/Genealogist** - Raymond Lucas  
**Historian** - Rodney Wilson  
**Chaplain** - David Moore  
**Trustee** - Michael Frank



**Seated L-R: Rod Wilson, Tom Coddington, John Crissman, John Raya**  
**Standing L-R: Jeff Yeager, David Moore, James Walker, Ray Lucas, Michael Frank**

# WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER



L-R: Ray Lucas, Jeff McQueen and Rod Wilson

10 February 2017

Gentlemen:

*It has been a long road and an amazing honor to be the first person in my immediate and extended family to become a member of the **Sons of the American Revolution**. I am humbled and grateful for the kindness and warmth you have shown, as you welcomed me into the **Oaks Chapter**. I'd also like to personally thank **Raymond Lucas** for his help with my application.*

*I am at best an amateur historian and a dabbler in genealogy, but through the gift of the advanced research tools of our day, I was able to find at least 12 direct ancestors, who served the great cause of **Liberty**, including my grandfather, **John "Peter" McQueen**, a millwright, who was sponsored to America by **General William Alexander (a.k.a. "Lord Stirling")**. In 1764, "Peter" travelled all the way from **Comrie, Perthshire, Scotland** and quickly settled in the **village of Salem at Fitch's Point, Charlotte County, New York**. He built a mill there and one in the town of **Argyle** with the purpose of producing flour to feed the troops for the battles of **Saratoga** and **Ticonderoga**.*

*Peter must have tired of being a miller, because he soon joined the Charlotte County militia under **Colonel (Dr.) John Williams**. He pledged his life, his fortune and his sacred honor to the cause of **Liberty!** To our patriots and you . . . Thank You!*



*Jeffrey Allan McQueen*



# PATRIOT BIOGRAPHY

## Jacob Boutelle (Boutwell), Jr.

b. 23 Aug 1740 Ashford, Windham, Connecticut; d. 23 Jan 1789 Ashford, Windham, Connecticut  
m. 20 Jun 1759 Ashford, Windham, CT, Eunice Drew daughter of Samuel Drew and Anna White.  
m. 1 Oct 1772 Ashford, Windham, CT, Jerusha Follet daughter of Hezekiah Follet and Hannah Read.  
*Note: Jacob's son James Boutell (another variation of the name) served with him, and is also Jeff's ancestor.*

*SAR Descendant: Jeffrey Allan McQueen*

*National Number: 201044*

Jacob was among the men who marched from Connecticut for the relief of Boston in the **Lexington Alarm** in April 1775, serving for 21 days. He served for six months in 1776 as a corporal in Capt. Reuben Marcy's company, Col. John Chester's battalion, which was raised to reinforce General George Washington in New York. The battalion was stationed at Flatbush Pass on Long Island on 26 Aug 1776, and narrowly escaped capture in the battle on the following day. It was engaged again at White Plains, NY on 28 Oct 1776.

Jacob also served as a corporal in Capt. Isaac Stone's company, Col. Jonathan Latimer's Connecticut regiment of militia, at Saratoga, NY in the summer and fall of 1777. The two Connecticut militia regiments fought in both the battles at Saratoga, and in the first lost more men than any other regiments in the field.

Jerusha was a few months pregnant with their son Jacob when her husband marched from CT for the relief of Boston in the Lexington Alarm in April 1775. The Lexington Alarm marked the beginning of the American Revolution.

*Wednesday morning near 10 of the clock - Watertown*

*To all the friends of American liberty be it known that this morning before break of day, a brigade, consisting of about 1,000 to 1,200 men landed at Phip's Farm at Cambridge and marched to Lexington, where they found a company of our colony militia in arms, upon whom they fired without any provocation and killed six men and wounded four others. By an express from Boston, we find another brigade are now upon their march from Boston supposed to be about 1,000. The Bearer, Israel Bissell, is charged to alarm the country quite to Connecticut and all persons are desired to furnish him with fresh horses as they may be needed. I have spoken with several persons who have seen the dead and wounded. Pray let the delegates from this colony to Connecticut see this.*

*J. Palmer, one of the Committee of Safety. They know Colonel Foster of Brookfield one of the Delegates.*

Paul Revere made his famous ride to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock, who were in Lexington, that the "Redcoats" were coming.

# RESEARCH TOOLS

## Websites:

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) (\$)  
<http://archive.org>  
<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>  
[www.billiongraves.com](http://www.billiongraves.com)  
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>  
<https://gloreports.blm.gov/default.aspx>  
[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)  
[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)  
[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)  
[www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) (\$)  
[www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) (\$)  
<http://stevemorse.org/>  
[www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com)

## Software:

Family Tree Maker 2014.1 (MacKiev)

## DNA:

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)  
[www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com)  
[www.livingdna.com](http://www.livingdna.com)  
[www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com)  
[www.23andme.com](http://www.23andme.com)

## Editor's Note:

This page is expected to grow as you submit and share additional websites, software and research resources for our membership. It is meant as a quick reference tool and a gift to friends and relatives who show an interest in entering their quest to get to know their ancestors better.

As always, we welcome your ideas and suggestions as long as they are not tied to a rock and thrown at the Editor. ☺

**Jeff McQueen**

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